

Halloween Safety Tips



1. Trick or Treat will be held on October 24th from 6-8 pm. Don't wait until Halloween to lay out the trick or treat ground rules, kids are too excited to pay close attention. Instead, start reviewing your safety rules several weeks in advance.
2. Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk close to the curb, facing oncoming traffic.
3. Remind children to look both ways (left-right-left) before crossing the street. Don't assume that motorists see you or will yield to you.
4. Crossing a street in mid-block increases your risk of an accident. The Police Department stresses the importance of only crossing at intersections.
5. Limit your territory to familiar streets and neighbors. Parents, make it clear if certain areas or houses are off limits. If possible, Trick or Treat with a group. There is safety in numbers and its more fun.
6. This is a great time to remind children about stranger danger! Teach children to be polite but cautious around neighbors they are not familiar with. NEVER, EVER enter a stranger's home or car.
7. Beware of homeowner's pets or other nocturnal animals. Halloween, with its constantly ringing doorbells and throngs of people, can make even calm pets nervous. Advise children to steer clear of pets they do not know.
8. Don't let children sample their treats until you inspect them. Inspect the treats closely, discarding those with loose wrap-pings and homemade treats, unless you personally know the baker.
9. Prepare your property for visiting trick or treaters. Clear the walkway of wet leaves and other obstacles. Turn on lights for everyone's safety. If the front porch light isn't lit, chances are they don't want to participate.
10. When carving a pumpkin, never let young children near the carving tools. Non-toxic paint and stickers are safe decorating alternatives. Instead of candles, illuminate your pumpkin with a safe battery operated light source.