

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY



Halloween is an exciting time for everyone. As the festivities begin, concern about child safety should be foremost on your mind. Here are crime prevention tips to make your family's night FUN and ghoulish!

## SAFETY TIPS:

- ◇ Check your children's candy before they eat it! Send them out with safe "starter" candy.
- ◇ Remind children to NEVER enter anyone's home or car.
- ◇ Have all children trick or treat in groups.
- ◇ Set a time for trick or treaters to be home and remind them to call 911 if there is unlawful or suspicious activity.
- ◇ Tie small glow sticks or use reflective tape on your child's costume so they are easily seen in the dark.
- ◇ Always walk. Never run across a street.
- ◇ Have adults walk the neighborhood to discourage malicious mischief and keep children safe.
- ◇ Remind children to stay in populated places and not use back alleys or fields.
- ◇ Avoid replica toy guns - They may be mistaken for the real thing!
- ◇ Children should obey all traffic signs and look before crossing the street. Never cross between parked cars, in the middle of a block or diagonally through intersections.
- ◇ Do not leave your home unattended - Keep pets inside.
- ◇ Use Jack-O-Lanterns or high intensity glow sticks to light porch steps. Make sure trick or treaters are safe.
- ◇ Only give out commercially wrapped treats.
- ◇ Have an old fashioned neighborhood Halloween block party to get to know neighbors.
- ◇ Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- ◇ Only trick or treat in neighborhoods where you know residents and at houses with porch lights on.
- ◇ Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager when they go door-to-door.

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911



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