

Have a Safe and Spooky Halloween

Don't forget your **SAFETY TIPS**

Who doesn't love Halloween? The costumes, haunted houses, hanging out with friends and family, and of course Trick or Treating. Here are some tips to help you and your children stay safe this Halloween

COSTUME SAFETY

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween safety tips. Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

WHEN THEY'RE ON THE PROWL

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time child should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

NSC offers these additional safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

Please remember that our Officers will be on patrol. If you see something suspicious don't hesitate to call 686-3501 or 911

For more information, on Halloween Safety please visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/autumn/Halloween>