

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY ON AND OFF THE ROAD



Halloween is a fun time for children, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, and eat yummy treats. Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

## **Costume Safety**

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 when children 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 (phones, toys etc.), keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

## **Safety Tips for Motorists**

- 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

Please contact your Community Service Officers with your questions or suggestions.

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