



SAFETY MOMENT

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Safety Tips for Motorists

- All motorists need to be especially alert and cautious when driving on Halloween because of the high number of pedestrians walking the streets.
- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars, 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.
 - Never use your cell phone while driving.

Trick-or-Treating

Most importantly, all children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, but before trick-or-treating, parents should:

- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and avoid trick-or-treating alone.
 - Agree on a specific time for your children to come home.
- Give your children flashlights with fresh batteries to help them see and for others to see them.
- Review all appropriate pedestrian and traffic safety rules with your children:
 - o Look both ways before crossing the street and use established crosswalks whenever possible.
 - o Walk, do not run, from house to house.
 - o Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards and never walk near lit candles or luminaries.
 - o Walk on sidewalks, not in the street. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the far edge of the road facing traffic.

Costumes

When making or purchasing Halloween costumes, follow these safety precautions to ensure your children remain safe while looking great:

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant and well-fitting costumes and shoes to avoid trips and falls.
 - If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes.
- 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.
- Masks can limit or block eyesight, so consider non-toxic makeup or decorative hats as safer alternatives.
- If masks are worn, they should have large eye holes and nose and mouth openings. Encourage your children to remove their masks before crossing the street.