



Halloween Safety Tips

ADULTS

1. Welcome trick-or-treaters with your porch lights and any exterior lights on.
2. Patrol your street occasionally to discourage speeding motorists, acts of malicious mischief and crimes against children.
3. Report any suspicious or criminal activity to your police department immediately. In Stillwater, call 9-1-1.
4. Do not give homemade or unwrapped treats to children.

MOTORISTS

1. Exercise extreme caution when driving a vehicle. Be on the alert for excited youngsters, whose vision may be obscured by masks, darting out into traffic.

THINGS PARENTS SHOULD TELL TRICK-OR-TREATERS

1. Set a time limit for your children to "trick-or-treat". Designate a specific route for them to take. An adult should accompany any younger children.
2. Never trick-or-treat alone. Have at least two buddies go together for the entire evening.
3. Carry a flashlight and use it so drivers can see you and you can see hazards in the street as well as other people.
4. Cross only at street corners, never between parked cars, and never diagonally across an intersection.
5. Look in all directions before crossing the street, and obey all traffic signals. Walk, never run, across the street, and use sidewalks, not the street, for walking.
6. Do not accept rides from strangers.
7. Do not take short cuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.
8. Do not go inside anyone's home. Remain on the porch at all times.
9. Do not eat treats until parents have inspected them.
10. Discard any homemade or unwrapped treats.

COSTUMES, ETC.

1. Make sure your children's costumes are not flammable.
2. Do not permit your children to use cumbersome, floor length or vision-impairing costumes.
3. Reflectorized stripes make your costume more visible.
4. In lieu of masks, we recommend face makeup.
5. Wear comfortable, safe shoes.
6. Call 9-1-1 if you suspect any tainted candy.