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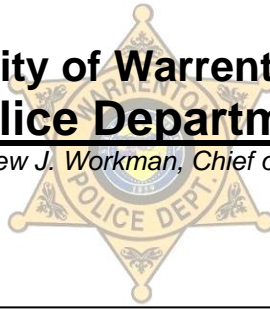


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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Trick-or-Treaters:

- Go out with an adult or other responsible person
- Wear light-colors clothing/costumes or mark with reflective markings or tape.
- Carry a flashlight, glow stick, or other light source to help be seen and to light your way
- Walk, don't run and stay on sidewalks where possible
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic, be very careful to stay out of the roadway
- Obey traffic signals and use crosswalks
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods, remember if it gets dark you may not recognize where you are
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground, if they do be extra careful
- Wear shoes that fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house, especially when going to cross streets
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Be very careful around your pets as they may not recognize you in your costumes. Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.
- Wait to eat any candy until you get home and someone can inspect it.

Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out
- If children are old enough to go out on their own, make sure you know the areas they are going and if possible make sure they have a cell phone for contact
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult
- Set time limits of when they should be back home or arrive at another destination
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later
- Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins

