

Halloween Safety Tips

Tomorrow is Halloween. Please remember that our children's safety should come first. A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds. The Village Police Department will have additional officers on duty on Halloween during trick-or-treat hours. Please report suspicious situations or any inappropriate conduct to the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.

Below are some tips for you to consider to keep your children safe on Halloween.

Before Trick or Treating

- Give children a good meal to discourage them from trying out Halloween treats while they are out and before treats can be checked.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant and that the child can see well through masks.
- Establish an appropriate time to complete trick or treating.
- Keep pets confined in the home.
- Adult partygoers should designate a driver.

While Trick or Treating

Youngsters should always be reminded to:

- Use a flashlight to see and be seen by others.
- Stay in a group and let an adult know where they are going.
- Go only to homes with porch lights on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and use the sidewalk.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk (don't run) across a street and look out for cars and drivers.
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- No treats should be eaten until carefully checked by an adult at home.
- Any suspicious or unlawful activity should be reported to the Communications Center immediately.

For adults:

- If you are out in the car, please drive carefully and slowly.

After Trick or Treating,

Once home, a responsible adult should:

- Examine all treats carefully and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Determine if treats are safe for all age groups and if not, distribute accordingly.