



Community ^{In} The Know

Halloween Safety

Halloween is an exciting time for everyone. As the festivities begin, concern about your child's safety should be foremost on your mind. Here are some safety tips from the South Holland Police Department to make your family's night FUN and ghoulish.

Safety Tips

- Check your children's candy before they eat it! Send them out with "safe" starter candy.
- Remind children to NEVER enter anyone's home or car
- Have all children trick-or-treat in groups
- Set a time for older Trick-or-Treaters to be home and remind them to call 911 if there is a unlawful or suspicious activity
- Tie small glow sticks or use reflective tape on your child's costume so they are easily seen in the dark
- Avoid costumes with cumbersome masks that can obstruct your child's vision and hearing
- Always walk. Never run across the street
- Use available sidewalks and crosswalks
- Children should obey all traffic signs and look both ways before crossing the street
- Never cross the street between parked cars, in the middle of the block or diagonally through intersections
- Have adults walk the neighborhood to discourage malicious mischief and keep children safe
- Remind children to stay in populated places and not use back alleys or fields
- AVOID replica toy guns- they may be mistaken for the real thing!
- Do not leave your home unattended - Keep pets inside
- Use Jack-O-Lanterns or high intensity glow sticks to light porch steps to ensure Trick-or-Treaters do not trip.
- Only give out commercially wrapped treats
- Only Trick-or-Treat in neighborhoods where you know residents and at houses with porch lights on
- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager when they go door to door
- Carry a flash light to help illuminate you and your party when crossing the street
- Have an old fashioned neighborhood block party in the summer to get to know your neighbors

*Remember:
Be Careful and Have Fun!*

Trick-or-Treat
October 31st
4pm – 7pm

In case of an Emergency dial 9-1-1
For all other incidents dial (708)331-3131

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