



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Halloween is Saturday, 31 October, 2015. Trick-or-Treating is always an exciting time for kids; however, it's often a challenging time for parents as they work through costume issues, face painting, and locating suitable candy buckets. A huge concern that many parents have on Hallows' Eve are distracted and impaired drivers. Motorists **MUST** remain vigilant for Trick-or-Treaters and drive sober. The following 'Safety Tips' are provided to enhance your family's Halloween experience:

BRIEFING TOPICS:

- Driving Safety; Kids Safety, Halloween Safety; Weather / Time Change

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS:

- **DRIVING SAFETY** - Drive slowly and with great caution in residential neighborhoods. Engage vehicle passengers to assist in looking for those ghosts and goblins who may dart across the street. Use headlights to make your vehicle more visible. Avoid any distraction that diverts driver's attention from the roadway. If alcohol consumption is in the plan, **DO NOT DRIVE**. Arrange for a responsible designated driver to get you home safely, or call a taxi.
- **KIDS SAFETY** – Monitor kids closely. Ensure they stay on sidewalks and look both ways before crossing streets. While Trick-or-Treating, ensure kids don't enter houses or unknown cars. Stay in small groups and don't allow them to run house to house. Keep kids off lawns to avoid decorations and trip hazards. Bypass homes without external lights. Dress kids in light colored or reflective costumes that aren't too long. Avoid costume masks that impair their peripheral vision. Ensure kids wear comfortable, non-slip shoes. Use light weight, and non-sharp props with costumes.
- **HALLOWEEN SAFETY** – Use external house lights to alert kids of your Trick-or-Treating participation. Consider using the driveway or sidewalk to hand out candy, as this prevents kids from climbing stairs. Thoroughly inspect all treats received. Discard anything suspicious or unwrapped. Reduce potential fire hazards by using glow sticks, vice candles, in your Jack-O-Lantern's. Be aware and follow your city's Trick-or-Treating time-lines, and age restrictions.

WEATHER/TIME CHANGE - Check the forecast for temperatures and potential for inclement weather. Dress Trick-or-Treaters appropriately. Consider Trick-or-Treating inside a local mall if weather becomes an issue. Remember, Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, 1 Nov 2015. Be sure to adjust your clocks (fall back) one hour when you go to bed Saturday evening.