



TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

Halloween Safety



Can you believe Halloween is just around the corner? Now is a good time to start getting the message out to our children about being safe. Neighborhood Watch programs have helped to make Halloween night safer in our neighborhoods over the last few years. Volunteers help watch our neighborhoods and report problems that may occur.



The following are some excellent rules for children to follow that will make Halloween a safe and enjoyable evening.

1. Always use common sense.
2. Younger children should **always** go trick-or-treating with an adult.
3. Never trick-or-treat alone. Have at least two buddies with you.
4. Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is.
5. Make sure that you are wearing a flame retardant costume.
6. Wait until you get home and your parents check your candy before you eat it.
7. Be very cautious of strangers.
8. Accept treats only in the doorway. Never go inside a house.
9. Be sure and say thank you for your treats.
10. Don't play near jack-o-lanterns.
11. Visit only houses where the lights are on.
12. Walk, do not run.
13. Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
14. Cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk.
15. Take a cellular phone with you if possible.
16. Wear a watch.
17. Carry a flashlight.
18. If wearing a mask, make sure you can see out of it clearly.
19. Carefully watch for traffic while going from house to house.

Parents take time to go over these rules with your children. Help them to understand that this is a special night and special rules apply. The later your children are out the greater chance of problems.



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