

# TIPS FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN

- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult. Walk with your child to each house and never let them out of sight.
- Stay away from unlit homes and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Consider adding reflective tape to costumes. Encourage everyone in your group to carry a flashlight or glow stick. Carry bright or *glow in the dark* candy bags.
- Ensure that costumes do not present a tripping hazard (falls are the most common culprit of Halloween injuries) and that they do not obstruct the child's vision or respiration. When possible, use non-toxic cosmetics rather than a mask. Look for costumes labeled as flame resistant.
- Know the routes that older children are taking and insist they travel in pairs or groups.
- Inspect all candy and goodies prior to consuming. Discard all unwrapped or spoiled goodies. Report any suspicious looking items to local law enforcement.
- Use glow sticks instead of candles to light your pumpkins and decorations.
- Teach children how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.
- Be aware of moving vehicles at all times. Motorist may not see Trick-or-Treaters.
- Halloween can be scary enough...please DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

•As an extra safety measure, the Caroline County Sheriff's Office will be doing extra patrols in communities with high pedestrian traffic.

- You may want to consider participating in community sponsored events as an alternative to traditional trick-or-treating.



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