



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY

## For all children:

- ☸ **A parent, older sibling or trusted adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.**
- ☸ **Carry a cell phone for quick communication. Call 9-1-1 if you have an emergency, become lost or afraid.**
- ☸ **Everyone should carry a flashlight with fresh batteries to light the way. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to flashlights, costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.**
- ☸ **Stay on sidewalks and in well-lit areas. If no sidewalks are available, walk to the far-left edge of the roadway facing traffic.**
- ☸ **Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's home.**
- ☸ **Run away from people who try to entice you with special treats. Scream, holler and make a scene if anyone tries to grab or force you to go with them.**
- ☸ **Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know. Pets can get spooked too.**
- ☸ **Halloween decorations often are lit by candles. Keep away from open fires and candles.**
- ☸ **Have your parent or a trusted adult inspect your treats before eating.**
- ☸ **Don't eat anything if the package appears to have been tampered with, opened or is not wrapped.**





**For older children:**

- 🕸 **Have at least 2 buddies with them.**
- 🕸 **Agree on a specific time when children should return home.**
- 🕸 **Stop at corners, look left-right-left before crossing the street. Cross streets as a group, and only at corners or established crosswalks.**
- 🕸 **If you get tricked or threatened by anyone, run and get help. Remember it is not your fault. No one has the right to hurt you.**
- 🕸 **Plan and review the entire route and make sure everyone knows what it is.**
- 🕸 **Stay with your group.**

**Children should report any suspicious incidents to their parents, guardians, or to law enforcement.**

