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Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween night, October 31, is an evening when many children will be outside in our neighborhoods Trick or Treating. Here are some safety tips to help prepare for a safe and enjoyable evening for you and your families.

Reminders for Parents and Guardians

- Help keep children visible. Make their costumes include light-colored items, or reflective-type clothing. Put reflective tape on bikes, wagons, and strollers.
- Plan your route and share it with your family. Have at least one responsible adult—more if possible—with children at all times.
- Costumes can be extremely flammable as most are made from Polyester remember to keep away from open flames.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that can cover your eyes.
- Inspect the treats before allowing children to eat them. Keep in mind small hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

Reminders for Trick or Treaters (children or anyone going out on Halloween!)

- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Cross the street only at intersections and follow traffic signals.
- Don't hide, cross the street, or run from between parked cars.
- Carry a flashlight to light a path in dark areas and increase your visibility.
- For children, accept treats at the door and NEVER GO INTO A STRANGER'S HOUSE.
- Be cautious of dogs. Costumes may confuse or frighten dogs and they may react aggressively, despite what the owners believe about their temperaments. Dogs are more likely to bite because of fear, or in reaction to others. Dogs can be unpredictable.

Have fun and a safe Halloween with your families!