



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FROM LOMITA SHERIFF'S STATION

WALK SAFELY

- Children 12 years of age and under should trick-or-treat with an adult. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Teach children to look both ways when crossing and to keep looking while crossing. Always WALK, don't run across the street. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Remember to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT

- If kids are mature enough to trick or treat on their own, they should establish a route, set a curfew, stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Only approach clearly lit homes and never go inside.

DRESS TO IMPRESS

- When selecting a costume, make sure it is made with flame-retardant materials and the right size to prevent trips and falls. Decorate costumes and treat bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Choose (non-toxic) face paint/makeup over masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Limit accessories. Sharp or pointed props, toy knives, swords, or guns may pose safety hazards. Plus, not having accessories to lug around allows for more free hands to carry more CANDY!
- Glow sticks are great for visibility (flashlights are better). Remember that the liquid in glow sticks is hazardous (and stains badly - learned from personal experience), so parents should remind children to not chew, break, or sleep with them.

PARENTS GET FIRST DIBS ON THE LOOT

- Parents should inspect their trick-or-treater's candy for signs of tampering before the candy is consumed. Treats should be in their original, unopened wrappers. Toss candy out if the wrapper is faded, torn, or if the candy is unwrapped.

DRIVERS PROCEED WITH CAUTION

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. The promise of candy may have children (who do not follow our friendly safety tips) frantically running from house to house. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly extra cautiously. Do not drive distracted (ever) but especially on Halloween. Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.