

Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association

Halloween Safety

Ghost, Goblins and everything in between will be invading the streets of Wisconsin soon! Make sure your home is lit and the porch light is on if you are going to treat these little ones! Here are a few other reminders for the evening!

General Safety

- Plan your route with your family ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit and in your own neighborhood. Parents should provide a watch and indicate a time children should return home.
- Trick-or-Treat with a parent, older sibling, or with a group of children if someone older can't go with you.
- Children should go only to houses where the porch lights are on, and never go into a house. Children should walk from house to house - NEVER RUN!
- Children should carry a flashlight or glow sticks after dark.

Costume Safety

- Wear a costume that fits and makes it easy for you to walk. Strips of reflective tape or light-colored costumes will make you more visible.
- Parents should attach name, address and phone number to sleeves of young children in case they become lost or separated from their group.
- A face mask may keep you from seeing well. Why not use face makeup instead? If you must wear a face mask, take it off before you cross a street.

Traffic Safety

- If a child has to cross the street, they should cross at a crosswalk or corner, not mid-block and never between parked cars. Look both ways before crossing and be alert for cars turning at intersections.
- Children should stay on the sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks, they should walk with the road on their right.
- If someone drives when you trick-or-treat, buckle up every time you get into the car - even if it is only a few blocks.

Treat Safety

- Children should not eat treats until they return home and the treats are inspected by parents.
- Fruit should be cut and washed before it is eaten.

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