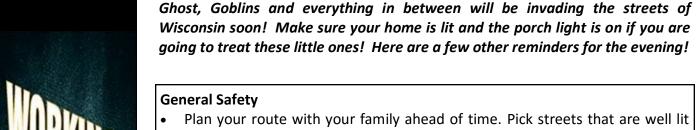
Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association **Halloween Safety**



- 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.

If you would like further information on Halloween safety, please speak to your local crime prevention officer.

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