

BLOOMINGTON POLICE



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

It won't be long before our doorbells will ring and excited young voices will be yelling "Trick-or-Treat". It will soon be Halloween, a special night for children. Halloween is also a time when children can get hurt. Most accidents in which children are injured can be prevented, if parents educate their children on a few basic safety tips prior to Halloween night. In order to ensure the safety of our children, here are some Halloween safety tips to follow.



- *Limit trick-or-treating to the day and time designated in your community.*
- *Know the specific area in which children will be trick-or-treating. Restrict residential trick-or-treating to homes of people you know.*
- *Give older children a specific time to return home.*
- *Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.*
- *Review traffic safety rules such as using sidewalks, crossing at the corner, obeying all traffic signs and looking both ways before crossing streets.*
- *Instruct children not to eat collected goodies until they are inspected by an adult.*
- *Advise children to never go inside any house.*
- *Costumes should be short enough to avoid tripping.*
- *If costumes contain dark-colored clothing, use reflective tape so children are more easily seen by motorists.*
- *Use face paint instead of masks, which can block children's vision or make it hard for them to hear.*
- *Avoid hard plastic or wood costume props, such as daggers or swords. Use foam rubber props, which are softer and more flexible.*
- *Keep costumed children away from pets, which might not recognize the children and become frightened.*
- *Make sure children carry flashlights while trick-or-treating.*

