



Canton Police Department



Halloween Safety Tips

Thousands of ghosts and goblins will venture out on Halloween night dressed in their best costumes as they walk through their neighborhoods. This should be a fun and adventurous evening for all trick or treaters. Safety should be the first rule that youngsters follow on Halloween night.

Take these simple precautions so that you arrive home safely after a night out with friends:

- * Use a flashlight. Be sure that motorists can see you!
- * Always go trick or treating in a group – never alone.
- * Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- * Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- * Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup as a safer alternative. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- * If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- * Be careful as you go from house to house. Watch for cars and be alert for objects or toys in driveways or walkways.
- * Do not eat any treats until you arrive home and your parents inspect all treats you have collected.
- * Only accept treats from neighbors or friends you know.

Tips for Parents:

- * Clear the front walkway to your house and turn lights on. Remove all obstacles so that it is safe for children to get to your front door. Wet leaves are slippery!
- * Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.
- * Inspect all candy and treats collected by your children.
- * Remind your children to visit and collect treats only from people they know.
- * Drive cautiously! Children will be running from house to house.
- * To ensure safety on the roads, drive at a lower rate of speed than is posted.

