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NEWS RELEASE

Halloween Safety Tips

Even scarier than your little ghosts, goblins, witches and spooks is an **unsafe Halloween**. Parents and guardians are asked to be sure to discuss the following trick or treat safety tips with children under their care to make Halloween a real **TREAT**.

- ☞ **Official trick or treat hours** are on Sat., October 31st from 3 – 7 pm
- ☞ Parents, guardians and chaperones should **lay down the safety ground rules** with the tricks or treaters under their care before beginning their candy walk;
- ☞ **Make sure the costume fits your child is brightly colored or has reflective marking and is 'flame resistant';**
- ☞ **Make sure your child's costume doesn't drag on the ground;**
- ☞ **Wear a watch** you can read in the dark;
- ☞ Costumes accessories like **light swords and sabers should be made of soft flexible material;**
- ☞ Carry a **flashlight and makes sure your child's shoes fit;**
- ☞ **Obey traffic signals, cross streets between crosswalks or at intersections. If no sidewalk, walk on the parkway adjacent to the street and never on a street itself;**
- ☞ **Walk, don't run, don't cut across yards or driveways and stay on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic;**
- ☞ **Never approach a vehicle, occupied or not unless accompanied by a parent or guardian;**
- ☞ **Stay away from and don't pet dogs you don't know;**
- ☞ Children should **trick or treat with a parent, adult family friend or guardian;**
- ☞ **Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods** or at the homes of friends and neighbors and avoid unfamiliar and unlit homes;
- ☞ **Be courteous & say 'thank you'** upon getting a treat and don't push others when you are at the door;
- ☞ **Never enter a home**, but remain on the stoop or porch for a treat;
- ☞ **Never approach a home that is not well lit** or does not have a porch or front light on;
- ☞ **Never play with or around lit jack-o-lanterns;**
- ☞ Instruct children **not to eat any candy until their parents have inspected it at home**. Wrapped candy should be checked for openings, pin holes, or any evidence of tampering. Homemade or unwrapped candy should not be eaten unless it's from your home, a relative or a family friend;
- ☞ **View the Halloween Safety Video on-line at www.carolstream.org/MultiMedia/default.htm**



If Ever In Doubt, Throw It Out!



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