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Halloween Safety Tips

The Glendale Police Department wants to help ensure this Halloween is a safe and happy holiday for you and your children. Here are some suggestions and tips to be aware of:

Costume Suggestions:

- Choose light or bright colored costumes and use light reflective tape.
- Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. Put the child's name, address and phone number on the inside of their costume in case of an accident or lost child.
- Make sure costumes fit well and are fire proof. Use only flexible and plastic props to prevent injury.

To Trick or Treat Safely, Your Child Should:

- Tell your children not to eat treats until you have checked them out.
- Plan your child's route and visit only homes in your neighborhood that are well lighted.
- Travel in a group or with an adult; never enter a home.
- Carry a cell phone, flashlight or glow stick.
- Cross streets at corners, never from between two vehicles. Remind children to stay on sidewalks and otherwise walk facing traffic.
- When crossing a street, STOP and LOOK both ways before crossing streets and LISTEN.
- Watch for cars driving into or backing out of driveways.

Treats -- Give Them A Safety Check:

- Check for holes, punctures or loose wrappers. Throw away any treats that are unwrapped.
- Don't eat homemade treats, fruit, etc.
- Feed your children a snack or light meal before trick-or-treating so they won't get hungry and sample some of the treats they collect.
- If any problems arise or any treat looks suspicious, call the Glendale Police Department at (623) 930-3000.

Safety Around the Home:

- Do not light candles around the walkways. If you would like luminaries or to light a jack-o-lantern, use a battery operated light source or glow stick.
- Keep walkways unobstructed and well lit.
- Don't let anyone you don't know into your home.

Safe Alternatives:

- Trick or Treat in a local shopping mall.
- Attend community-sponsored events. Watch newspapers for additional information.
- Host a family or neighborhood party.

The Glendale Police Department wishes you a safe, happy Holiday!

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