Halloween Safety Tips

It’s that time of year again where the Orleans Town Marshal’s Office would like to remind residence of a few safety tips for the Halloween season.

Halloween Safety Tips for 2027

Stay safe this Halloween by combining traffic awareness, costume safety, and responsible party habits — these proven tips will protect kids, adults, and drivers.

For Trick-Or-Treaters and Parents

- **Choose safe costumes**: Opt for flame-resistant fabrics, avoid long/trip hazards, and use non-toxic makeup instead of masks that block vision. Add reflective tape, glow sticks, or light-up accessories to costumes and bags
- **Plan routes**: Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult; older kids should stick to familiar, well-lit areas and travel in groups
- **Set return times**: Agree on a curfew and check in regularly.
- **Street smarts**: Walk on sidewalks, cross at marked crosswalks, and look for cars in all directions.
- **Candy check**: Inspect all treats at home for allergens, choking hazards, or unwrapped/unsanitary items.
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For Drivers

- **Be alert**: Expect more pedestrians, especially children, in unusual places.
- **Slow down**: Reduce speed in trick-or-treat zones; slower speeds save lives.
- **Watch driveways/alleys**: Enter and exit carefully, especially at night.
- **Avoid distractions**: No phone use while driving; stay focused on the road.

For Partygoers and Hosts

- **Plan transport**: Designate a driver, arrange rideshares, or provide rides for guests.
- **No driving after drinking**: Even small amounts of alcohol impair driving ability.
- **Host responsibility**: Provide non-alcoholic drinks, collect car keys from intoxicated guests, and ensure safe transport.

Extra Safety Notes

- **Fire safety**: Use battery-operated candles or LED lights instead of open flames; adults should handle pumpkin carving.
- **Visibility**: Avoid dark costumes; use bright colors and reflective elements.
- **Health**: Remove makeup before bed to prevent skin/eye irritation; avoid overindulging in sweets to prevent stomach upset.

Bottom line: Halloween is fun, but it’s also one of the most dangerous days of the year for children. By combining visibility, supervision, and responsible driving, you can make it a safe, memorable night for everyone.

When They're on the Prowl

Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents.

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

● A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
● If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
● Agree on a specific time children should return home
● Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
● Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends

● Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies

If you have any questions or concerns call the Orleans Police Department at 812-865-2222