



Enjoy Halloween with These Safety Tips in Mind



Safety tips:

Clark County wants everyone to have a happy and fun Halloween and is recommending that all trick or treaters be ***inside by 9 p.m.*** to ensure a safe holiday. To help make it happen, we also ask participating households to voluntarily turn off their porch lights at 9 p.m.

Motorist



- Motorist slowly, especially in residential neighborhoods, and be prepared to stop when children are present; know that dark costumes may present a visual challenge for you as you drive.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and curbs, and around corners. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unexpected ways.
- Avoid activities that distract your attention while driving such as talking on your cell phone or eating.
- Be very cautious turning into driveways and backing out, especially where hedges and bushes may block your vision.
- Watch for pets that may be running loose.
- Be aware that masks & head gear may restrict a child's field of vision.
- Be careful in parking lots where stores, malls and churches may be giving out candy on Halloween.
- Be aware that pedestrians may be out well after dark on Halloween walking to and from parties.

Trick or Treaters & Neighborhood Safety

- Young children should always go trick or treating with an adult.
- All children should walk, not run, from house to house, and use sidewalks, not roads. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Never trick or treat alone. Have at least two buddies with you.
- Plan your route and make sure your family knows what it is. It's best to trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets.
- Wear costumes that allow you to be seen by motorist. Choose bright or light-colored clothing; decorate bags and costumes with reflective tape or stickers.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes. Costumes should be made of fire-resistant materials; avoid costumes with long, trailing fabric.
- Carry a cell phone with you and light your way with a flashlight.
- Cross the street safely at corners using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look both ways before you cross, and keep looking as you walk.
- Watch out for cars that are turning or backing up; don't dart out into the street or cross in between parked cars.
- Only visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Be cautious of strangers and animals.
- Accept your treats only at the door, and never go into a stranger's house.
- Say "thank you" for your treats.
- Beware of jack-o-lanterns lit with candles, which are a fire hazard. It's safer for households to use battery-operated candles or glow sticks in jack-o-lanterns.
- Have grownups inspect your candy before eating. Don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

