

Halloween Safety Recommendations

The recommended hours for Trick or Treat are Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 pm

The Troy Police Department established the following safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable one:

- Turn on outside lighting both October 30 and October 31.
- Wear light-colored clothing tailored to prevent tripping and add reflective tape or glow-sticks. Costume fabrics should be flame resistant.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber, which is soft and flexible.
- Vision is a priority, use well-fitted face masks or use make-up.
- Adults should accompany young children; older youth should walk in groups along a pre-arranged route.
- In case of delay, have a charged cell phone and carry a flashlight.
- Walking on driveways & sidewalks will help in avoiding potential trip or strangulation hazards.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- Watch for traffic, cross only at crosswalks and look both ways!
- Give and accept only wrapped or packaged candy. Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. Pets may not recognize even family members and become frightened.
- Jack-o-lanterns can be both a fire hazard and a trip hazard. Porch decorations should be placed to facilitate foot traffic. Small children should never carve pumpkins – consider painting on those faces – or leave carving to the adults.
- Have adequate chaperones at teen parties or scavenger hunts. Laws governing alcohol consumption under the age of 21 are strictly enforced. Avoid having road rallies that are timed events.
- Safe driving must be a priority – our children's lives depend on it!

**For more information, please contact the
Troy Police Department's Community Services Section at 248.524.3452.**