



SHERIFF TIMOTHY HOWARD IS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS TO HELP PARENTS AND GUARDIANS PLAN A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN. PLEASE REVIEW THESE SAFETY TIPS WITH YOUR TRICK-OR-TREATING GROUP BEFORE HEADING OUT FOR THE EVENING.

### PARENTS:

- ⇒ MAP OUT YOUR ROUTE AND CHECK IT AGAINST THE NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AT [WWW.CRIMINALJUSTICE.NY.GOV/NSOR](http://WWW.CRIMINALJUSTICE.NY.GOV/NSOR)
- ⇒ ACCOMPANY YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN AND PLAN TO GO WHEN IT IS LIGHT OUT.
- ⇒ FEED YOUR CHILDREN A MEAL OR SUBSTANTIAL SNACK BEFORE TRICK OR TREATING.
- ⇒ HAVE CHILDREN SAVE ALL CANDY UNTIL THEY GET HOME.
- ⇒ INSPECT ALL TREATS; THROW AWAY UNWRAPPED, OPEN, OR SUSPICIOUS LOOKING GOODIES.



### AT HOME:

- PUT AWAY ANYTHING CHILDREN COULD TRIP OVER
- TURN THE LIGHTS ON AND REPLACE ANY BURNED-OUT BULBS AT THE WALKWAY AND FRONT DOOR
- REMEMBER, YOUR JACK-O-LANTERN AND ANY OTHER CANDLES OR ELECTRICAL DECORATIONS CAN BE A FIRE HAZARD. KEEP THEM OUT OF THE REACH OF SMALL CHILDREN AND AWAY FROM FLAMMABLE MATERIALS
- NEVER LEAVE YOUR HOUSE UNATTENDED. IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR HOUSE, MAKE SURE ALL THE DOORS ARE LOCKED

### TRICK-OR-TREATERS:

- FAKE KNIVES, SWORDS, GUNS, AND OTHER COSTUME ACCESSORIES CAN POTENTIALLY CAUSE INJURY. MAKE SURE THEY AREN'T THAT THEY ARE PART OF THE COSTUME AND NOT A WEAPON.



- COSTUMES WITH LIGHT COLORS AND/OR REFLECTIVE TAPE ARE BEST. SOMEONE IN THE GROUP SHOULD CARRY A FLASHLIGHT. CONSIDER PUTTING REFLECTIVE TAPE ON THEIR BAGS TOO.
- CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS TRICK-OR-TREAT IN GROUPS PREFERABLY WITH ADULT SUPERVISION
- CARRY A CELL PHONE FOR QUICK COMMUNICATION.
- CHILDREN SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO STOP ONLY AT FAMILIAR HOMES AND WHERE THE OUTSIDE LIGHTS ARE ON
- NEVER GO INTO A HOME OR CAR TO COLLECT TREATS
- TOO LONG FOR THE COSTUME AND REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD DON'T FORGET TO INSPECT FRUIT AND HOMEMADE TREATS FOR ANYTHING THAT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS
- TREATS WITH OPEN PACKAGING OR TORN WRAPPERS SHOULD BE DISCARDED