



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**
- ⇒ **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 TOO LONG FOR THE COSTUME AND REVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD 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**
- **DON'T FORGET TO INSPECT FRUIT AND HOMEMADE TREATS FOR ANYTHING THAT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS**
- **TREATS WITH OPEN PACKAGING OR TORN WRAPPERS SHOULD BE DISCARDED**

