



Short Safety Subject

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Traffic Safety Tips For Boys And "Ghouls" On Halloween!



It's almost Halloween, which means giggling ghosts and winsome witches will be trick-or-treating in your neighborhood. Because kids tend to focus on the excitement of Halloween and forget about safety, it's up to parents, care givers and motorists to take special care so that these little boys and "ghouls" have a safe and happy holiday, and aren't "haunted" by unnecessary injuries. The following traffic safety tips will help to ensure that your kids' Halloween is the best ever!

Motorists:

- ☛ Stay alert. Neighborhoods that don't normally have a lot of pedestrians and bicycle traffic may experience an increase on Halloween night.
- ☛ Remember that kids will be excited, and may be trying to visit as many houses as possible within the specified time frame. Trick-or-treaters may dart into traffic from between parked cars.
- ☛ Be particularly cautious in areas where cars are parked along the side of the street.
- ☛ Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- ☛ Be patient, and SLOW DOWN. Give the children lots of time to cross the street. Their costumes may impair their ability to see and hear you, and to get out of your way quickly.

Parents and Care Givers:

- ☛ Purchase or make costumes that are light colored and clearly visible to motorists.
- ☛ Decorate (and get the kids to help!) or trim costumes, "goody bags", and other containers with reflective tape that will glow in the beams of a car's headlights. Reflective tape can be purchased at bicycle, hardware, and sporting goods stores.
- ☛ Make sure costumes are short enough so that they don't cause children to trip or fall.
- ☛ Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes.
- ☛ Masks should not impair a child's hearing or field of vision. If necessary, enlarge ear and eye-holes, or use make-up to create special effects. Tie hats and scarves securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
- ☛ Children should carry flashlights or "glow sticks". This will help them see and be seen.
- ☛ An adult should accompany the trick-or-treaters as they make their way around the neighborhood.

Trick-or Treaters

- ☛ No running! Always walk when crossing the streets, and cross at corners or crosswalks - whenever possible.
- ☛ Look "left-right-left-again" for cars before stepping off the curb to cross the street.
- ☛ Stay with the adult who is leading the group.
- ☛ Try on your costume before Halloween night. Make sure it's above your shoes, so that you won't trip on it and hurt yourself. If you are wearing a mask, make sure you can see and hear out of it.
- ☛ Trick or treat at houses that you know.