

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- When "Trick or Treating," always make sure that older children **TAKE FRIENDS** and younger children are with a **TRUSTED ADULT**.
- Go with younger children to the door of **EVERY** home they approach.
- **ONLY** go to homes that you are familiar with in neighborhoods that you trust and are well lit. Avoid dark alleys and remote locations.
- Teach children to **NEVER** go into a home without permission from their parents or guardian.
- Teach children to **NEVER** approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are with a parent or guardian.
- Teach children to walk on the sidewalks, cross at the crosswalks and stay **AWAY** from cars.
- Make sure children wear reflective clothing and **CARRY** a glow stick or flashlight when out at dusk or night.
- Make sure children are able to see and breathe easily when using facial masks. **ALL** costumes and masks should be clearly labeled as flame resistant.
- Teach children to **NEVER** approach a home that is not well lit both inside and out.
- Teach children to stay **ALERT** and remember any suspicious incidents and tell a parent, guardian and/or the proper authority.
- Teach children to **TRUST** their feelings! Stay away from strange or uncomfortable situations.
- Teach children if anyone tries to grab them to make a scene; **YELL** loudly and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming and resisting.
- Consider organizing or attending parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to "Trick or Treating."

