

## Halloween safety tips

What's intended to be a fun and exciting day can quickly turn into tragedy unless everyone puts safety first. Here are some practical reminders for drivers, trick or treaters and parents:

Drivers:

- ? Do not text or talk on a cell phone while driving
- ? Drive very slowly especially in residential areas
- ? Expect that children may suddenly run out from driveways or from behind parked vehicles
- ? Avoid driving during trick or treating hours
- ? Be extra careful in driveways and parking lots as well ? double check before putting the vehicle in motion whether backing up or driving forwards.
- ? Remember that children with masks on may have a restricted field of vision.

Trick or Treaters and Parents:

- ? Approach each home using the buddy system
- ? Do not go inside any homes
- ? Approach only clearly visible and unobstructed front doors of homes
- ? If wearing a mask, remove the mask when walking from house to house or crossing the street
- ? Make sure costumes and shoes fit well and aren't a tripping hazard
  - o Be extra careful if you are wearing dark colour costume. Bright colours are easier to see. Consider carrying a bright coloured or white bag.
- ? Take along a flashlight
- ? Any children under 12 should be accompanied by a parent
- ? Don't eat anything until it was inspected and approved by a parent
- ? Use the sidewalks, not the roadways.
- ? Travel in groups of three or more