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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