



# Halloween Safety Tips

'Tis the season for ghosts and ghouls! But beware, with Halloween fast approaching the safety of your children should be foremost. Keep these useful safety tips in mind before heading out for your Halloween festivities.

## *Have fun but keep safe!*

### **Talk about being 'street smart' before your children go out.**

- Before the kids hit the streets, it is important that parents be aware of the route that their children plan to follow.
- If you are unable to take them out yourself, consider asking another parent, an older sibling or babysitter to do the honours for you.
- Ensuring your child is wearing a watch also allows you to establish an agreed upon curfew.
- Teach your children to recognize the places along his/her route where they can obtain help: Police Station, Fire Station or any other well indicated public place.
- Stay on the sidewalks (If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left-hand side of the street facing traffic).
- Don't jaywalk. Use crosswalks whenever possible: Visit houses on one side of the street at a time and cross the street only at intersections or at marked crosswalks.
- Stop and check for cars before crossing the street.
- Discuss with your children what they should do to call home in case of emergency.
- Safety in numbers: Walk in groups and stay together.
- Stay on the outside: Never enter a house; only accept treats at the front door.

### **Make your 'Trick or Treating' fun and safe**

- Bring a flashlight;
- Walk instead of running;
- Do not cut across lawns or take short-cuts;
- Take masks off when walking from one house to the next;
- Do not go inside houses and do not get into vehicles;
- Only visit houses that are lit;
- Stay away from animals you are not familiar with; and
- Vandalism is not just a 'trick' - it is against the law and has consequences.

### **For Everyone**

If you SEE something, SAY something. Halloween is popular with criminals too. While you are out in your neighbourhood, keep your eyes open for criminal or suspicious activity, including arson, vandalism and property damage, and report what you see to your local RCMP Detachment. ***In an emergency call 9-1-1.***

## **Above all, have a safe and ghoulishly good Halloween!**