

Halloween Safety Tips

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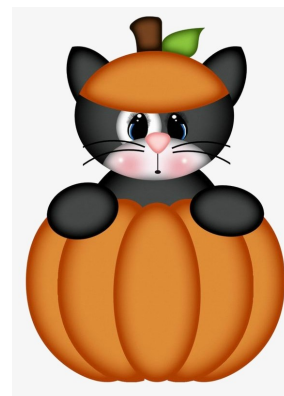
Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, and during the evening, there will be extra vehicles and pedestrians out and about. The Irvine Police Department wants to ensure your family has a safe and enjoyable holiday. To make Halloween a treat, follow these safety tips:

Tips for Parents:

- A parent or responsible adult should accompany all children and always walk younger children to the door to receive treats.
- Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets.
- Costumes should not be restrictive and should be clearly visible at night (costumes with light reflecting materials are highly recommended).
- Carry flashlights or glow sticks.
- Make sure masks and wigs are fireproof and do not impair vision.
- Cross the street only at crosswalks or corners. Never cross between parked cars or mid-block.
- Although tampering is rare, adults should inspect all treats and when in doubt, throw it out!

Tips for Children:

- Advise your children they should never enter a stranger's home or car.
- Do not walk in the street when trick-or-treating.
- Children should not take shortcuts through backyards or alleys.
- Children should stay only with people they know.
- Only approach well-lit homes with porch lights on.



Guidelines for passing out treats:

- Only pass out prepackaged, factory-wrapped items.
- Ensure your home is well lit and the porch light is on if you intend to pass out treats.

Take extra care:

- Keep pets inside your home or another safe place. Ensure pets wear proper identification and tags.
- Traffic will increase in our community during Halloween. Motorists should drive alertly and slowly, yield to pedestrians, and watch out for trick-or-treaters in the street.
- Do not leave a spare key near the front door.
- Consider wearing masks and using hand sanitizer to help prevent the spread of germs.
- If you see something suspicious or unsafe, please call the Irvine Police Department at 949-724-7000. If it is an emergency, call 911.



We hope these tips help prepare you to have a great Halloween. You can count on the Irvine Police Department to be out keeping the community safe from tricks. Be sure to give us a wave when you see us around town! We may have a treat for your bag.