

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Mundelein Police Department

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Trick-Or-Treating Safety Tips



To make sure even the scariest costumes are safe, keep the following in mind;

- Try makeup instead of masks; it's more comfortable and doesn't obstruct the vision the masks can.
- Check to ensure that costumes are flame-retardant
- Wear well fitting shoes.
- Avoid costumes that drag on the ground.
- If a costume involves any sort of fake weapon, make sure that it is made of a flexible material such as cardboard or foam.
- Have each child carry or wear something lit, such as a flashlight, glow bracelet or necklace or flashing attire for visibility. At least one person in each group should carry a flashlight.
- Think "practical" over "cute" when picking a trick or treat goody bag or container.
- Review the route for Trick-or-Treating beforehand and set a time when kids should be home. Also, have a plan if your child gets separated from the group. A responsible adult or older teen should accompany each group.
- Only trick or treat at houses that are lit.
- Watch for traffic, obey all traffic signs, look before crossing the street, and never cross between parked cars or in the middle of the block.

Suggestions for Homeowners for making Halloween a fun night of Trick-or-Treat:



To ensure Trick-or-Treaters, you, and your house stay safe, remember the following tips.

- Children should never take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.
- Do not leave your home unattended on Halloween night.
- Keep your house well lit, both inside and out.
- Be sure your pets are secured.
- Never invite children into your home.
- Clear your yard and sidewalk of any obstacles or decorations that may be hard to see in the dark.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police department.

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Special points of interest:

- **Trick-or-Treating Hours:** Saturday, October 31, 2014 4:00 pm—8:00 p.m.

- Information on sex offenders living in Mundelein and restrictions regarding handing out Halloween candy can be found at www.mundelein.org/police. If you have any questions please contact Officer Wilfenger at 847-968-4600.

Halloween Boo Bash



The Mundelein Police Department participates in the Mundelein Park District's BOO BASH for children ages 3-11 (Must be accompanied by an adult).

Kids can Trick-or-Treat indoors for Free candy, then enjoy special areas for games, giveaways and prizes courtesy of the Mundelein Park District, local businesses and community organizations.

FREE Event—Wear your Costumes!

Saturday, October 24, 2015 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Mundelein Community Center—1401 North Midlothian Road

Contact the Park District at 847-566-0650 for event details.

Candy Safety



After a successful and safe night around the neighborhood, remember that the treats still need scrutiny before anyone eats them.

Never allow children to eat candy before it is inspected. Check all treats at home in a well lighted place. Any opened candy should be throwaway, and unless you personally know the families who make homemade goodies, it is recommended that you dispose of homemade treats. Immediately toss any items that are suspect in any way. Notify the police if harmful items are found.

Regardless of whether you are a parent of a young child, a resident who most likely will be inundated with happy ghosts and goblins, the key to Halloween is to stay safe.

The Mundelein Police Department will have extra police officers in both marked and unmarked cars patrolling the Village to ensure that your children are safe and vandalism is minimized. Please report any suspicious persons or acts of vandalism to the Mundelein Police Department.

Have a happy and safe Halloween.

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