

Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse



HALLOWEEN **SAFETY TIPS**



Safety Tip:

Preparing for Halloween and Trick-or-Treaters can make it a safe night for everyone.

Halloween Safety Tips for Homeowners

- Clear yards and walkways of items that can be tripped over
- Pets get frightened on Halloween so keep them inside to protect them from cars and Trick-or-Treaters. Standing at the front door eliminates the need for Trick-or-Treaters to ring your doorbell which often scares pets.
- Battery powered pumpkins are preferable. If you use candles, place them far away from where Trick-or-Treaters will be.
- If possible park vehicles in your garage, backyard, or driveway, not on the street
- If you will be going out for the evening be sure to turn off porch/front door lights before leaving. This indicates you're not giving out candy
- If you will not be home be sure to lock first floor windows, close drapes and blinds, and turn on a few second floor interior lights
- **Do Not Let Anyone In Your Home You Don't Know, No Exceptions!**
- **Recommended times for candy distribution is between the hours of 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. These are suggested times, the final decision is up to the homeowner.**

Halloween Safety Tips for Parents

- Adults should accompany young children from house to house
- Costumes should be flame-retardant with reflective markings
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring candy home to be inspected before eating it. This helps children who may have food allergies.

Halloween Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters:

- Carry a flashlight or glow stick
- Don't go out alone, use the buddy system
- Walk on the sidewalk not in the road and obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Do Not wear masks while walking from house to house. If possible wear makeup
- Approach only houses with front porch/door lights on
- Stay away from pets you don't know
- **Do Not** approach cars with strangers