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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

TRICK OR TREAT:

Don't go out alone. Take a parent or older sibling with you.

Inspect all treats before you eat them.

Insure your costume fits well. Wear some reflective clothing, if possible.

Visit homes only in your neighborhood; on well lighted streets. Stay away from unfamiliar areas.

Watch for cars and do not get into a car with anyone you don't know.

Do not enter a strangers house, even if it means you won't get a treat from that house.

HOME PROTECTION:

Prior to Halloween, cut your lawn and trim your hedges so the view of your yard from inside the house is not obscured by overgrowth.

Remove any lawn trimming equipment from your yard, as well as items such as bicycles, hoses and outdoor furniture. Not only will this keep these items safe from vandals who might damage or steal them, it will keep sidewalks clear for trick-or-treaters.

Move garbage/trash containers out of sight.

If you have a garage, park your car in it. If not, insure you park in a well lighted area with the doors locked. Do not leave anything of value insight within the vehicle.

Illuminate your property with available outdoor lighting and leave lights on within your home. A well lighted neighborhood is less likely to be a target of vandals. Ask neighbors to light their property as well.

If you can't be home, have a neighbor watch your home. If you are home, don't allow trick-or-treaters in the house unless you know them.

If your residence is "For Sale", do not show the house on Halloween and remove the sign from the yard. It could be a target for vandals.

Support community sponsored Halloween activities at local churches, schools and community centers.