

EASTAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Dear Resident:

The Police Department and Staff extend their sincerest wishes for a safe and happy Halloween. As in the past, additional police officers will be deployed on foot, in cars and on bicycles within the residential neighborhoods to safeguard our children. In preparing for Halloween, we would ask that you take a few minutes and review our recommendations for safety.

CHILDREN SHOULD:

- . Carry a flashlight
- . Walk, don't run
- . Stay on sidewalks
- . Cover one side of the street at a time. No criss-crossing
- . Cross only at the corners. Never dart out between parked cars.
- . Obey traffic signals
- . Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- . Do not cut across yards or driveways
- . Never accept rides from strangers
- . Wear a watch they can read in the dark
- . Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground
- . Wear comfortable, safe shoes (even if they don't go with their costume)
- . Use face makeup. If a mask is worn, cut large eye openings and push the mask up on the head while walking.
- . Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props
- . Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk
- . Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
- . Only visit well-lighted houses
- . Never attempt to pet animals they don't know
- . Never go into a stranger's house

PARENTS SHOULD:

- . Make their children eat dinner before setting out
- . Instruct their children not to consume any candy until they return home
- . Inspect all candy for tampering before their children eat it
- . Make sure an adult accompanies children
- . Know what route their children will be taking
- . Have a set time limit for children to return home
- . Explain the difference between tricks and vandalism
- . Make sure their children's costumes are not flammable

RESIDENTS SHOULD:

- . Have a well-lighted home, both inside and out
- . Remove all obstacles from their lawns, walkways and steps to prevent injuries
- . Secure their pets on Halloween night, preferably in a room away from the front door
- . Never place pumpkins containing candles where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing
- . Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle

DRIVERS SHOULD:

- . Exercise extreme caution when driving a vehicle. Excited youngsters may forget some of these safety rules and dart out in front of your car

REMEMBER!!! A new curfew starts October 28, 2011 through November 2, 2011 the hours of curfew are 8:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. There are exceptions. Please contact the Police Department at **609-261-1717** for additional information.



IMMEDIATELY REPORT SUSPICIOUS OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE BY CALLING 9-1-1.