

BLOCK WATCH



Keep your little trick-or-treaters safe this Halloween. Halloween is a fun and exciting time of year for kids of all ages, but it can pose some potential hazards. The Surrey RCMP would like to remind parents, drivers and homeowners about a few tips that will make Halloween safe and fun for everyone.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS If you notice any suspicious activity, call police at **604-599-0502**

Halloween tips for trick-or-treaters and their parents

- A bright costume with reflector tape will make children more visible to drivers.
- If children are wearing masks, the masks shouldn't interfere with their vision.
- An adult should accompany younger children.
- Older kids who are mature enough to be unsupervised should travel in a group.
- Parents should help their kids plan a route and set a time to be home.
- Remind children never to go beyond the doorway, and not to talk to strangers.
- Parents should also remind children to stay on the sidewalk and only cross the street at intersections.
- Let your children know not to take shortcuts through alleys and abandoned areas, but to stay in populated, well-lit areas. It's a good idea for kids to carry a flashlight and to have a cell phone

Halloween tips for homeowners

- Turn on your porch light to let children know they're welcome (or vice versa).
- Place decorations out of the way so that nobody trips.
- The safest way to light a jack-o'-lantern is with battery-powered lights. If you use candles, make sure the flame can't come into contact with a child's costume.

Halloween tips for drivers

- When children get excited, they tend to forget the most basic safety rules, especially around traffic. If you're driving, slow down and be extra cautious in residential areas.
- Drive defensively - expect children to dart out from between parked cars.
- Watch carefully for people using pedestrian crossings

