



Halloween Safety Tips

With witches, ghosts, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across Bremerton, the Bremerton Police Department offers some safety tips for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat time.

Safety Tips For Trick or Treaters:

- Remind children to NEVER enter anyone's home or car
- Have all children trick or treat in groups if possible
- If older children are going alone, plan and review their trick or treat route. Set a time for trick or treaters to be home and remind them to call 911 if there is unlawful or suspicious activity
- Tie small glow sticks or use reflective tape on your child's costume so they are easily seen in the dark. Carry a flashlight if possible
- Always walk on sidewalks, not in the street
- Remind children to stay in populated places and not use back alleys or fields. Only trick or treat in neighborhoods that you are familiar with and at houses with porch lights on
- Props such as toy guns or swords should be made of pliable material
- Children should obey all traffic signs and look before crossing the street. Never cross between parked cars, in the middle of a block or diagonally through intersections
- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult or responsible person when they go door-to-door.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover the child's eyes.
- All costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Check your children's candy before they eat it. Do not eat candy if the packaging is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy can be a choking hazard for children.

Safety Tips At Home:

- Keep pets inside.
- Use Jack-O-Lanterns or high intensity glow sticks to light porch steps. Make sure trick or treaters are safe.
- Keep walkways unobstructed and well lit
- Only give out commercially wrapped treats.
- Turn on exterior lights
- Have an old-fashioned neighborhood Halloween block party to get to know neighbors.

Safety Tips For Motorists:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- Watch for children in dark costumes and clothing
- Drive slowly - Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations

**The Bremerton Police Department wishes you and your family
a fun and safe Halloween!**