



## Tips for Motorists

- Be aware of children darting out from between parked cars.
- Be aware of children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- When entering and exiting driveways and alleys - Be very cautious of children.
- Be aware and watch for children in dark clothing/costumes.



For more Halloween safety information please go on line at;

[www.pumpkinpartol.com](http://www.pumpkinpartol.com)



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## Costume Design

- Use only fire-retardant materials in costumes.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a hazard or could cause a child to trip. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)
- Costumes should be made with light colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children visible. (i.e. Rogers Pumpkin Patrol Arm Bands)
- Costumes should be loose fitting so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Masks should not obstruct a child's vision. Facial make-up is recommended opposed to masks.



## Accessories

- Knives, swords and other accessories that children carry, should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. **Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.**
- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with reflective tape
- Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.



## Tips for Parents

- Ensure that children are informed that if there is a problem that they can approach police, fire, EMS or members of the Rogers Pumpkin Patrol (Red Rogers Television Vehicles with flashing yellow lights)
- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters will follow.
- Know the names of older children's companions.
- Ensure your children travel in familiar areas and along the established route.
- Ensure children stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well lit.
- Never to enter a stranger's home.
- Ensure a return time is established with your child.
- Tell children not to eat any treat until they return home and the items are inspected.
- Discuss all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules with your children.
- Ensure your children travel in familiar areas and along the established route.



## While Trick-or-Treating

- Do not enter any homes or apartment without adult supervision.
- **Walk** (do not run) from house to house.
- Stay on sidewalks and do not cross yards and lawns where objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Walk on sidewalks, **not in the street.**
- Walk on the left side of the road (facing traffic) if there are no side-



## Candy and Treats

- Ensure children have an early meal before going out.
- Ensure that ALL treats are brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash any fruit that is received and slice into small pieces.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

