



Hampton Police Division

Halloween Safety Tips



In the City of Hampton, trick or treat hours are from sunset or approximately 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. for children 12-years-of-age or younger.

- Don't allow children to eat or sample any candy while trick or **treating**. All candy should be checked by parents. All unwrapped candy, popcorn, and caramel apples should be thrown away unless you know who gave them to you.
- Wear light-colored clothing that is short enough to prevent **tripping**. Add reflective tape to all sides of the **costume**. Make sure children can see out of face masks or use face make-up instead of **masks**. Avoid using hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or **swords**. Substitute with foam rubber for flexibility in case the child falls.
- Parents, accompany children or groups of children around the neighborhood. Walk with friends and stay together.
- When available, use **sidewalks**. Begin trick or treating before **sunset**. Each child should have a flashlight or glow **stick**. Don't cut through yards to get to **the next house**. **You could be hurt due to unknown obstacles**.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Carry the flashlight in front of the **group and walk on the shoulder of the road if you can**.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit houses with the porch lights on.
- For child & neighborhood safety, put a table at the end of the driveway with your pumpkin to pass out **candy**. During slow times, you can talk to your neighbor while everyone keeps a safe eye on the children.....it reduces potential problems.
- Keep pets inside and secured in a **room**. The pet may not recognize your children or the children coming to the door and the pet may become **frightened**.
- Parents, give away only packaged or wrapped **candy**. Consider purchasing treats other than candy (e.g. Stickers, erasers, crayons and pencils)
- Remove lawn decorations and provide a well-lit walk path.
- **NO TRICKS**. **There is a fine line between a trick and vandalism**.
- Parents, keep in mind that the City of Hampton **does have a curfew** for children under 18 years old. The City of Hampton curfew ordinance has been provided below:

"It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to loiter, idle or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys or other public ways, either on foot or riding by vehicle, or loiter, idle or play in or upon parks, playgrounds, wharves, docks, beaches, public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places,

between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., of the following day.”