



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.**
- 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 minors. The City of Hampton curfew ordinance has been provided below:

It shall be unlawful for any person **under the age of fourteen (14)** years to be present on any street, road, alley, avenue, park or other public place in the city, or in any vehicle operating or parked thereon, **between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.**, unless accompanied by his/her parent or guardian or unless such minor is on an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by his parent or guardian or is engaged in a lawful employment or going directly to the place of such employment or returning directly to his place of residence from the place of such employment.

It shall be unlawful for any person **over the age of thirteen (13)** years but **under the age of eighteen (18)** years to be present on any street, road, alley, avenue, park or other public place in the city, or in any vehicle operating or parked thereon, **between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.**, unless accompanied by his/her parent or guardian or unless such minor is on an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by his parent or guardian or is engaged in a lawful employment or going directly to the place of such employment or returning directly to his place of residence from the place of such employment.

