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The Morris Township Police Department wants to make this Halloween a fun and safe holiday for everyone. The Morris Township's Crime Prevention Unit encourages families and motorists to follow these few simple safety rules:

For Motorists

- When driving pay close attention for children who may dart out from in between parked cars, especially when driving throughout residential streets.
 - Be alert for children when entering or exiting driveways or alleys.
- Watch for children in dark costumes or clothes at dusk and as the night goes on

For Parents

- An adult or a responsible young adult should accompany any "Trick or Treater" under the age of "12"
 - Discuss and plan the areas where to go for "Trick or Treating".
 - These should be areas familiar to and known to you.
 - Visit areas that have good street lighting and sidewalks
 - Only go to well-lit houses or apartments.
 - NEVER enter anyone's home.
 - Walk not Run from house to house
 - Use sidewalks and avoid walking across lawns.
 - Goodie bags should be bright colored or have some-type of reflective markings
 - Children should carry flashlights
 - Designate a curfew time
- Please do not drop off your teenage child in an area just to "hang out" in a neighborhood.
- If your teenager is going to a party confirm that information with the homeowner/parent

Costumes

- Should be loose fitting and flame retardant
 - Although make up is preferred, masks can be worn.
- Masks should not block children's vision and have adequate nose & mouth openings

Treats

- Children should not eat any candy until they return home.
 - Insist on inspecting all candy before it is consumed.
- Children should be given an early meal to discourage eating any candy before inspection.
 - When in doubt –throw out!

Homeowners

- Have adequate exterior lighting
- Ensure your walk way is free from any hazards
- Stop handing out candy at 9:00 p.m.

Although we are not expecting any problems we are ENCOURAGING all families, children and homeowners to stop Trick or Treating by 9:00 p.m. This will minimize the risk of any potential unsafe situations. The Morris Township Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit wishes everyone a healthy and safe Halloween. For more Halloween Safety Tips or information, please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 973-326-7450.



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Halloween Safety!

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little scary. Concerns about children's safety -- whether they are out in the neighborhood or back home with bags of goodies -- but not to worry! To make Halloween a treat for all, follow these safety tips...

Make sure your kids dress up safely!

- Check that the costumes are flame-retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and, more importantly, they can obstruct a child's vision -- a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.

Make trick-or-treating trouble free!

- Trick-or-treaters should always be in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real-life goblins. Parents should accompany young children.
- Make sure older kids trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they'll be. Tell them to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- Try to get your kids to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If it's dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.
- Make sure kids know not to enter strange houses or strangers' cars.

Treats!

- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or a snack beforehand.
- Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.
- What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious. By all means, remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for awhile!

Halloween can be a lot of fun for parents and kids alike -- if everybody remembers the tricks and the treats of playing it safe.

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

The above information is provided compliments of the **Morris Township Police Crime Prevention Unit** and the **National Crime Prevention Council**.

You can reach a Crime Prevention Officer by calling
973-326-7450