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# News Release

## **HPD Encourages Safety First this Halloween Weekend**

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The Harrisonburg Police Department reminds the community to be on the lookout for creepy creatures this Halloween weekend.

Downtown Harrisonburg will be busy with frightful costumes on Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in lieu of Halloween on the Square.

Throughout the weekend and on Halloween; HPD encourages motorists to be alert and anticipate more feet on the streets.

Tips for motorists:

- Slow down and be alert, especially in residential neighborhoods
- When entering an intersection, be sure to come to a complete stop and look carefully before pulling out into the roadway

Tips for trick-or-treaters:

- Children should always be accompanied by an adult
- Visit familiar homes and neighborhoods
- Always walk on sidewalks and cross the streets at corners
- Use reflective material on costumes
- Make sure costumes don't drag to the ground or hinder a child's ability to walk
- Start trick-or-treating early to be finished by dark
- Treats should be checked before children consume

On behalf of HPD, have a **SPOOKTACULAR** and safe weekend!

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