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Halloween Safety Tips

Harrisonburg, Va. - With Halloween quickly approaching this weekend, the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) is encouraging those participating to do so safely. The city does not determine, enforce or coordinate a Trick-or-Treat time but encourages neighbors to speak with one another within their neighborhood.

Some tips for those who plan to Trick-or-Treat on Saturday include:

- Stay in well lit areas!
- Only visit people you know.
- Don't allow kids to go out alone- take an adult!
- Adults should check treats their children receive.
- Make sure costumes fit kids properly so they don't trip on a costume that is too big.
- Be visible! Wear bright clothing or put glow sticks and strips on your costume so that drivers can see you.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk in the direction facing traffic, and use sidewalks when present.
- Only trick-or-treat at homes with lights on and never approach vehicles that offer candy.

HPD wants to make sure that this and every Halloween is a safe and happy one! For those traveling, Harrisonburg Police also encourages motorists to drive cautiously, especially in residential areas.

Additional information is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/halloween-events.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to HPD by calling 911 or the non-emergency line at (540) 434-4436.

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