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Halloween Safety Tips

Harrisonburg, Va. - With Halloween quickly approaching next week, 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.

HPD will have additional officers out between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. within the city's neighborhoods in well-lit marked units to ensure the safety of our young citizens.

Some tips for those who plan to trick-or-treat on Halloween include:

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

HPD reminds you to walk in the direction facing traffic, and use sidewalks when available. Children and adults need to put electronic devices down and keep their heads up when crossing streets.

HPD wants to make sure that this and every Halloween is a safe and happy one! For those traveling on the roadways, Harrisonburg Police encourages motorists to drive cautiously and pay special attention in residential areas when entering or exiting driveways and alleyways.

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