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HPD Safety Tips from HPD

The Harrisonburg Police Department would like to remind you to stay safe if you and your child choose to Trick or Treat or participate in Halloween activities! Below are the CDC guidelines for a safe Halloween:

Make trick-or-treating safer:

- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Wear a mask.

Wearing a mask:

- Make your cloth mask part of your costume.
- A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Do NOT wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult.
- Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing

Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you:

- Indoors and outdoors, you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact with others for a long time.

Wash your hands:

- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

- Parents: supervise young children using hand sanitizer.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.

In year's past, the Harrisonburg Police Department has participated in the Skeleton Festival in the downtown area. Unfortunately, 2020's Skeleton Festival has been canceled due to COVID-19. This Halloween, the Harrisonburg Police Department's Community Resource Unit has made gift bags. The bags will include a police sticker, a glow stick, crayons, police-themed coloring pages, and a few pieces of candy!

Additionally, most officers will have bags in their patrol vehicles to hand out to children who are practicing safe Halloween activities. Children and parents are encouraged to approach our officers and ask for a gift bag. This will be happening the entire day and night of October 31, 2020.

Included in the bags:

- Police Sticker
- Notepad
- Crayons
- Coloring pages
- Glow sticks
- Some Candy
- Attached to the bag will be a safety reminder with Harrisonburg Logo (English and Spanish)
 - Bags will have evidence tape on the top
 - If we run out, Officers are encouraged to hand out stickers, a roll will be placed in patrol next to the box of goodie bags

The Harrisonburg Police Department will have a large presence in the community this weekend and encourage everyone to report any suspicious activity. Any emergency always dial 911, non-emergencies dial 540-434-4436. The Harrisonburg Police Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

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