



Halloween Safety Reminders



As families in Montgomery County are making their plans for Halloween, the Montgomery County Police Department would like to offer the following important safety reminders. Minimizing safety risks will help ensure a Happy Halloween for everyone.

1. “trick-or-treat” only in neighborhoods and at homes know to your family.
2. A parent, other familiar adult, or responsible older sibling should always accompany younger children.
3. Older Children should plan out a trick-or-treating route with their parents, wear a watch, carry a cell phone and return home at an agreed upon time.
4. Children should never approach a home without lights.
5. Children should not eat any collected candy until an adult has inspected it.
6. Any unwrapped or partially wrapped candy should be thrown away.
7. Keep yards clear of items such as ladders, and hoses that could trip young children.
8. Battery jack-o’-lantern candles are preferable to using a real flame.
9. If you do use candles, place the pumpkins away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
10. Keep paper or cloth yard decorations away from burning candles.

Children should carry a flashlight when trick-or-treating. They should walk on sidewalks where available, cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk. Also wear brightly-colored, or reflective costumes that won’t cause tripping. Face make-up is preferable to wearing a mask, but if a child is wearing a mask, it should not impair the child’s vision.

Motorists are advised to drive slower and with extra caution through neighborhoods on Halloween.