



### **Make Halloween safe and fun**

Make Halloween a safe, fun, and magical time for children by following a few tips from the Burlison Police Department.

- Never go trick-or-treating alone. Older children should go out with friends while younger children should be accompanied by an adult
- Parents should plan and discuss the route their child will follow and should know the names of their child's trick-or-treating companions.
- Trick-or-treat in your own neighborhood. Only stop at homes that are well-lit (porch light is on).
- Never enter a stranger's home or vehicle.
- Your costume may scare a pet, so be cautious around animals.
- Set a time for trick-or-treaters to return.
- Make sure children have their name, address, and phone number in a pocket or pinned to their costume.
- Make sure the costume fits well. Costumes that are too long will lead to falls.
- Choose face makeup over a mask, which can obstruct a child's view.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Don't dart out from between parked cars. Walk, on clearly visible sidewalks, not across yards or fields. Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Wear light, bright-colored clothing or attach strips of reflective tape to the front and back of the costume. Put reflective tape on the trick-or-treat bags as well.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Don't eat your treats while trick-or-treating. Take the treats home and have your parents inspect the loot. Don't eat candy if the package is already open.

There will be free reflective Halloween bags available in the Burlison Police Department lobby starting Monday, Oct. 29.

For more information on how to stay safe at Halloween, call Paula Ibsen at 817-447-5300, ext. 316. For more information about this release, call the public information office at 817-447-5400, ext. 286.