



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Halloween Safety Tips

Lancaster, TX – Lancaster is a place where we enhance public safety in our neighborhoods. Every year, over 150 million Americans participate in Halloween festivities. Of these, 41 million children age 5 to 14 will go trick-or-treating. However, the quest for candy isn't all fun and games. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than twice as many children are injured in pedestrian accidents on Halloween than other days throughout the year. With Halloween quickly approaching the City of Lancaster would like to provide residents with valuable safety tips to ensure this Halloween will be safe and fun-filled for everyone.

- Avoid using Halloween decorations with real flames. Instead, use battery-operated lights to illuminate your jack-o-lanterns.
- Go with your children to the door of every home you visit. Never let your children enter a stranger's home without your permission.
- Only approach homes with lit porch lights or ones that clearly are inviting trick-or-treaters.
- Always accompany your children when trick-or-treating. Walk, don't run, from house to house. Only cross streets at crosswalks.
- When selecting costumes, choose brightly colored costumes or add reflective tape to increase visibility. Use face paint instead of masks, as they make it harder to cross streets safely. Glow sticks or flashlights are another way to increase the visibility of your children.
- Remember, in case of an emergency, call 9-1-1. For more safety tips visit www.lancaster-tx.com or contact the Lancaster Police Department at (972) 218-2700.

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