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Don't Be Scared... Be Prepared!

Tips to make Halloween fun and safe

(MADISON) – Superheroes, princesses, and a variety of strange characters are about to invade your neighborhood. Halloween is this Monday but many communities have set trick-or-treat hours for this weekend. To help keep those ghosts and goblins safe, Wisconsin Emergency Management's "ReadyWisconsin" campaign has some Halloween tips.

Trick or Treat Rules

- Children under the age of 12 should not trick-or-treat alone.
- Children over 12 should walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Make sure your child or a responsible adult with them carries a cell phone for quick communication.
- Only visit well-lit homes and never accept rides from strangers.

Be Seen

- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- Fastening reflective tape to costumes and bags also helps drivers see you.

Safe Costumes

- Make sure costumes (including masks, beards and wigs) are flame resistant.
- Stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric.
- Swords, knives and other costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.
- Test make-up in small area and remove all make-up before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.

Check Your Treats

- An adult should examine treats for choking hazards and tampering.
- Tell your child not to eat any treats until they return home.
- Avoid eating homemade treats made by a stranger.

Safety Tips For Motorists

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

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