



The Village of Antioch Police Department would like to offer a few helpful safety tips to the community.

## A Safe Halloween is a Happy Halloween

- Never send young children out alone. Children should always be accompanied by a parent or another trusted adult. Older children should always travel in groups.
- Remember to leave your porch light on.
- Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets. Avoid unfamiliar neighborhoods, streets that are isolated, or homes that are poorly lit inside or outside.
- Choose bright, flame-retardant costumes or add reflective tape to costumes and candy bags so children are easily seen in the dark. In addition, carry a glow stick or flashlight and wear shoes that fit to avoid tripping or falling.
- Always walk younger children to the door to receive treats. Do not let children enter a home unless you are with them.
- Advise children do not approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless you are with them.
- Discuss basic pedestrian safety rules and remind children to obey all traffic signals.
- Look at the candy wrapping carefully and avoid unwrapped treats.
- Make sure children know their home phone number and address in case you are separated.
- Remind children to remain alert and report suspicious incidents to parents and/or law enforcement.

