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Halloween Safety Tips

With Halloween approaching, the Los Banos Police Department would like to remind everyone of a few simple ideas to make this years Halloween safe and fun for everyone.

Parents, it is our mission to keep you and your family safe at Halloween time and always so please take a moment to review these simple safety tips with your children.

Tips for Parents and Trick-or-Treaters:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility. A light stick, reflective tape or flashlight will help passing motorists see your little ghost or goblin as they enjoy the night.
- Reinforce the notion that traffic may not always see you. Always look both ways before crossing, do not run out into the street unexpectedly, and do your best to cross in groups at well lit intersections.
- Consider securing emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Teach children their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Plan and review with your children the route and behavior which is acceptable to you.
- Do not permit children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard.

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- Agree on a specific time when your trick-or-treaters must return home. (**A parent or responsible adult should always accompany younger children on their neighborhood rounds**).
- Be sure to stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
- Only trick-or-treat in well known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Be respectful of others property. Remember, if residents have decorations out, they are there for you to enjoy, so look and be scared but do not touch.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations. **Always walk. Never run across a street.**

For those of you who will be Driving on Halloween:

- Remind all household drivers to remain cautious and drive slowly throughout the community.
- Adult partygoers should establish and reward a designated driver.
- Please be sure to remove any masks or costume attire that may impair your ability to drive safely.
- Obey all traffic laws.

Tips for Pet owners:

- Confine, segregate or otherwise prepare household pets for an evening of frightful sights and sounds.
- Be sure that all dogs and cats are wearing collars and proper identification tags.
- Consult your veterinarian for further advice.

We hope everyone takes the time to reinforce our tips with their children. I encourage everyone to take their fellow trick-or-treaters safety into consideration. Be sure to look out for one another and on behalf of the members of the Los Banos Police Department, we hope you have a safe and happy Halloween.

Anyone with information regarding a suspicious or criminal incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Los Banos Police Department at **209 827 7070**. To leave an anonymous crime tip call, **209 827 7070 X 288**.

If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip, just go to the Police Departments web page at www.losbanos.org. At the bottom of the "Contact" page simply click on the "report graffiti and other crime" link.



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