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Halloween Safety Tips

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Halloween is right around the corner. As you prepare for a night of spooky fun, keep these simple crime prevention and safety guidelines in mind to ensure a safe celebration.

For Trick-or-Treaters:

- **Power in Numbers:** Always trick-or-treat in groups or with a trusted adult.
- **Never Enter Homes:** Remain on the porch or doorstep.
- **Avoid Strange Vehicles:** Remind children to never approach, interact with, or enter a stranger's vehicle.
- **Avoid Dark Houses:** Only approach properties with bright, active exterior lighting.
- **Establish a Curfew:** Set strict schedules and pre-planned routes for older kids.
- **Emergency Communication:** Have children bring a fully charged communication device (phone/smart watch) and teach them how to effectively communicate with dispatchers if a 911 call is needed.

For Your Property and Home:

- **Secure Your Home:** Lock all windows, doors, and any gates securely.
- **Secure Vehicles & Bikes:** Keep vehicles locked and ensure valuables are removed.
- **Keep Exterior Well-Lit:** Ensure your property exterior is well illuminated with motion-sensor lights or floodlights on.
- **Secure Your Pets:** Keep animals safely secured indoors for trick-or-treaters.

Candy Safety:

- **Mandatory Adult Inspection:** Examine every piece of treat under bright lights before consumption.
- **When in Doubt, Throw It Out:** Discard any treats with loose wrappers, holes, or unsealed packaging, as well as unpackaged foods from unfamiliar sources.

If you see anything suspicious, report it to the Irvine Police Department at 949-724-7000. For life-threatening situations, fire, or crime in progress, dial 911 immediately.

We wish you and your loved ones a fun, safe, and happy Halloween!

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