

# Honolulu Police Department

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## Halloween Safety Tips

### ***Tips for Trick-or-Treaters:***

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective or by adding reflective tape or striping.
- Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within costumes or on a bracelet.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. They should be soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Stay on the planned route and only visit familiar homes in your neighborhood.
- A Parent or responsible Adult should ALWAYS accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Children should go out during the daylight hours only unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at, at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves. Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Everyone should have a flashlight to see and be seen.
- Stay in a group, walk slowly (don't run) and communicate where you are going.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat. Approach only houses that are lit.
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- No treats are to be eaten until are thoroughly checked by an Adult at home.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.



### ***Tips for Parents:***

- A good meal prior to trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Buy costumes made of flame-retardant material.
- Plan and review with your children the route which is acceptable to you. If your children are responsible enough to go out by themselves, set a time for them to return home and be sure they know how to contact you if needed.
- Know who your children will be with and have their parents contact numbers. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspicious.

### ***Tips for Homeowners:***

- Eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove to be hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Secure them away from Trick-or-Treaters to prevent an accidental biting.
- Battery powered jack-o-lantern candles are preferable to a real flame. If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packaged cheese with crackers, fruit roll-ups, single serve boxes of cereal, microwave popcorn. Non-food treats could include pencils, stickers, or erasers.

**CALL POLICE @ 9-1-1 FOR ALL SUSPICIOUS OR TAMPERED WITH ITEMS YOU RECEIVED**



# Happy Halloween

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