



Before children start out on “trick or treat” rounds, parents should make sure that:

- When designing costumes, keep safety in mind to ensure that the children have a fun-filled and safety-filled Halloween.
- Costumes are loose enough so that warm clothes can be worn underneath to allow freedom of movement in the event of cold weather.
- Costumes are not too long that they are a tripping hazard, when walking or climbing steps to the front door to get their treats.
- Consider using makeup instead of a mask so that a child's vision will not be blocked when walking on the sidewalk or crossing the street.
- For youngsters under the age of 12, attach their name, address and telephone number (including the area code) to their clothes, but not in an easily visible place.
- Children travel only in familiar areas, along a prearranged route, and instructed never to a stranger's home.
- A return time has been established.
- Explain to youngsters not to eat any treats until you have inspected it. A meal or a snack beforehand will help deter them from digging into their candy.

For more information, please call the Milwaukee Police Department Safety Division at 414-935-7990, or visit the Milwaukee.gov website.