



Halloween Times and Tips

DELAWARE – Halloween trick or treat will be celebrated in Delaware on October 31 from 6-8 pm.

Here are some tips for helping keep young ones safe on Halloween:

Motorists

- Slow down by at least 5 mph below the posted speed limit.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Look for children crossing the street. Many may not be paying attention.
- Carefully enter and exit driveways and alleys.
- Turn on your headlights to make yourself more visible – even during daylight hours.
- Broaden your scanning area by looking into yards and front porches.

Parents

- Go with your children, especially if they are under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route your trick-or-treaters will follow.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar areas and along established routes.
- Teach children to stop only at well-lit houses and never to enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a time for children to return home.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they get home.
- Make sure Halloween costumes are flame-retardant and visible.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Be bright at night – wear retro-reflective tape on costumes and candy buckets.
- Wear disguises that don't obstruct vision and avoid facemasks.
- Ensure props are flexible and blunt-tipped to avoid injury from tripping or horseplay.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries, and place it facedown in the candy bucket to free up one hand. Never shine it into the eyes of oncoming drivers.
- Stay on sidewalks and avoid walking in streets if possible.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Look both ways and listen for traffic before crossing the street.
- Cross streets only at the corner, and never cross between parked vehicles or mid-block.
- Trick-or-treat in a group if someone older cannot go with you.
- Tell your parents where you are going.

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