



## **PLAYIN IT SAFE ON HALLOWEEN**

**Halloween may be a fun holiday for children, but for parents, trick-or –treat time can be a little troublesome. Concerns about children’s safety, whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bountiful bags of goodies-can cast a spell on the evening’s festivity. But not to worry! Following a few safety tips will ensure that Halloween will be a “howling” good time for all.**

**Check that costumes are flame-retardant**

**Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls**

**Encourage children to wear comfortable shoes**

**Try make-up instead of a mask that can obstruct a child’s vision**

**Make sure children wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes**

**Young children should be accompanied by an adult**

**Make sure older children go out with friends**

**Children should only trick-or –treat in their neighborhood**

**Children need to know not to eat their treats until they are checked out at home by an adult**

**Remind children not to enter anyone’s home or car without your permission**

**Welcome trick-or-treaters by turning on your exterior lights**

**Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors**

**Drive slowly all evening you never know what creature may suddenly cross your path**

**Above all report any suspicious activity to your local police immediately**