



Simsbury Police

Halloween Safety



Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. Both children and adults need to think about safety on this annual day of make-believe.

Parents

Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should:

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12 or know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Set a time for their return home.
- Consider providing your child with a cell phone if you are not accompanying them.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and **never** to enter a stranger's home or car.
- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.
- Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly
- If driving watch for children darting out from between parked cars

Costume Design

- Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)
- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children visible.

For questions or concerns, call the Simsbury Police Department at (860) 658-3100.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!