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Halloween Safety Tips

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office would like to remind trick-or-treaters of a few Halloween safety tips:

- Wear reflective clothing that is fire resistant and non-binding
- Be sure costumes are cut so that children don't trip and fall
- Trick-or-treat in familiar areas
- Trick-or-treat in groups
- Adults should accompany children
- Carry flashlights after dark and attempt to stay in well lit areas
- Parents/guardians should ALWAYS check candy before it is eaten
- Follow traffic rules, especially when crossing the street at night
- If wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough to see out of

Another way to keep trick-or-treaters safe is to attend a public, organized event. Instead of visiting unfamiliar neighborhoods, consider Halloween festivities at churches, malls or sponsored by local business associations.