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Halloween Safety Tips

In less than a week little goblins and ghouls will haunt our communities in search of trick or treats. Autumn festivals and Halloween provides us with the opportunity to don costumes, celebrate with friends and enjoy delicious delights. Sheriff Timothy Cameron and the men and women of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office support these community celebrations and would like to offer the following tips to help everyone remain safe while participating in all of the fun activities.

Trick or Treat with a friend. Small children should have an adult chaperone.

Plan a safe route, parent know where your children are going and have a set time to return home.

Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries, remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.

Use cross walk and/or cross where there is a traffic light. Look in all directions before crossing the street.

Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.

Costumes should be made of flame retardant material and include reflector strips or a light stick to so the costumes are more visible at night.

Shoes should fit well and avoid long dangling pieces of costume that could cause your child to trip

Masks should have eye holes are big enough to see not only in front but peripherally as well

Adults are reminded to remove costume masks prior to entering business, celebrate responsibly and if alcoholic beverages are consumed, please have a designated driver.

The Sheriff's Office goal is for everyone to have a safe and festive holiday. Additional deputies will be assigned to patrol communities, such as Wildewood, Golden Beach, Towne Creek and Country Lakes where a high volume of pedestrian foot traffic is expected. Drivers are reminded to be watchful for small children walking and crossing the street.

Lastly, Sheriff Cameron is asking the public to call 911 if they observe any suspicious or unlawful activity. If you see something out of the ordinary then say something. Working together will enhance holiday safety for everyone.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

