

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is a time to celebrate and enjoy the annual traditions of dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating for those savory treats. It is a time for fun with friends, family, and neighbors. The Burbank Police wish you a safe and Happy Halloween on October 31st.

In an effort to help the Burbank community enjoy Halloween safely, the Burbank Police Department is sharing the following tips for motorists, parents, and trick-or-treaters:

Motorists

- Please slow down, especially in residential neighborhoods
- Dark costumes can be hard to see, especially at night. Please be on the lookout for trick-or-treating enthusiasts and remember they may not always see you.
- If a witch's brew is on your menu, designate a sober driver. There is nothing more frightening than a drunk driver.

Parents

- Make sure small children are supervised at all times by an adult
- Plan and discuss the route your trick-or-treaters will follow and make sure to stick to it
- Encourage children to stay in groups
- Teach children to stop only at well-lit houses and to never enter a stranger's home
- Tell children not to eat any treats until they get home
- Inspect treats and get rid of any that look as though they've been opened or tampered with

Trick-or-Treaters

- Be visible!
- Wear disguises that do not obstruct vision
- ELIMINATE distractions and avoid using cell phones or ear buds/headphones while walking
- Ensure any props are flexible and blunt-tipped to avoid injury from tripping
- Carry a flashlight and place it face down when crossing the street to illuminate the ground and your surrounding area to alert drivers to your presence
- Have a parent or guardian inspect all treats and never consume any candy that appears to have been opened or tampered with

The Burbank Police encourages the reporting of suspicious or illegal behavior. For non-emergencies, dial (818) 238-3000. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.