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Here are some suggestions to have a safer Halloween:

**Costumes**

- Keep them simple. Long and fancy ones could cause children to trip.
- They should be light in color. Reflecting tape can be added for nighttime.
- Regular street shoes should be worn, not fancy and bulky ones.
- Guns and swords should be made from Styrofoam or cardboard.
- At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight.

**Masks**

- Paint faces or use makeup instead of using masks

**Treats**

- NEVER eat anything until after you are home, and treats have been examined.
- CUT and WASH fruit before eating.
- Check wrappers of treats for tampering.
- Notify police if any harmful items are found.

**Parties**

- Parties are suggested instead of allowing children to go trick or treating. Get some friends together and have a safer place for your children to have fun.

**Trick or Treating**

- A responsible adult or teen should accompany each group. Limit the group size to four or five. Trick or treating should be for small children only. If a child is too old to be accompanied, he/she is too old to go trick or treating.
- WALK! Do not run.
- Stay in your own neighborhood, and only go to houses with porch lights on and to neighbors you know will not harm you.
- Never enter a stranger's house even if invited.
- Carry trick or treat bags that have handles to keep your arms free.

**Parents**

- To avoid encouraging your children to enter a stranger's home, never invite trick or treaters into your home.
- Give wrapped homemade treats to children you know, and wrapped commercial treats to others.
- Know which friends your children will be with.
- Do not leave your home unattended on Halloween night.
- Leave your porch lights on, so children will know it is okay to visit your home.
- Keep your pets inside (house or garage) on Halloween night.



**Areas of Concern**

Pine Lake Drive	Criminal Mischief
Patti Lane	Burglary of Residence
Lambach Lane	Theft from Auto
Snively Avenue	Burglary of Residence
Laverne Drive	Burglary of Residence
Park Laureate Drive	Theft from Auto
Walnutwood Way	Burglary of Residence
Fairview Avenue	Burglary of Residence
Gildcrest Way	Criminal Mischief
Galene Drive	Theft from Auto & Theft of Bike
Sprowl Road	Burglary of Residence
Willowwood Way	Burglary of Residence
Pirogue Court	Burglary of Residence
St. Roche Drive	Egging of Residence
Lynnwood Way	Burglary of Residence
Phelps Court	Theft from Auto
Moser Road	Burglary of Residence
Falling Tree Way	Burglary of Residence
Locust Avenue	Burglary of Residence

CALL THE POLICE - 267-0503  
GET INVOLVED by watching your neighbor's house.  
BE GOOD EYES for the police department.

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