

Halloween Driver and Pedestrian Safety Tips

With Halloween upon us, kids will be filling the streets to trick-or-treat, attend Halloween events, have fun with family and friends, and will be using our neighborhood streets to do so. The Vienna Police Department would like to take this opportunity to offer some Halloween safety tips to make sure it is the safest Halloween celebration yet.

For pedestrians:

- A responsible adult should always escort children on the neighborhood rounds
- Use sidewalks when available and pay attention to vehicles on the road even when you have the right of way and never assume the driver sees you.
- If your older children are going alone, agree on a route acceptable to you.
- Agree on time your children should come home.
- Cross the street at designated areas whenever possible
- Instruct children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Instruct children not to eat any collected treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep their heads up and walk, do not run, across the street
- Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective material or a flashlight at night

For Drivers:

- Drivers need to stay alert at all times and not be distracted by their electronic devices or passengers
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- Watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new and inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

Happy Halloween!!!!!!