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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Trick or Treat Safety Tips**

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The Rock County Sheriff's Office wants everyone to enjoy Halloween safely. Children and youth look forward to Halloween. It takes a community effort to ensure safety on Halloween. Please review the Halloween safety tips below.

**Trick or Treaters**

- An adult should accompany kids under 12 years old. Older kids should Trick or Treat in groups. Do not let youth or kids Trick or Treat alone.
- Do not run across the street. Where possible, cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look both ways before crossing.
- Decorate costumes and treat bags with reflective tape. Wear light or bright colors.
- Carry flashlights or glow sticks to be more visible.
- Bring a cellphone, and call 9-1-1 if you see anything suspicious.
- Trick or Treat at lit houses. Do not approach a dark residence.
- Do not enter any residence. Remain outside on the front step or porch.
- Do not eat any treats until you return home, and an adult checks the treats for safety. Do not eat any treats that are not in their original sealed packaging.



**Drivers**

- Slow down and watch your surroundings. Stay alert. Turn your headlights on.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections.
- Enter and exit driveways cautiously. Triple check for pedestrians when backing up.
- Avoid using electronic devices; concentrate on driving.
- Do not drink and drive. If you drink, have a sober ride home.
- Most communities hold Trick or Treat during the evening hours; pay extra attention from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Together, we can all celebrate Halloween safely.

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