

Happy Halloween

Think SAFETY for October 31

The Fairfax County Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit



Halloween is a wonderful holiday, but because of increased foot traffic and the fact that Trick-or-Treaters are out at night, the potential for automobile related accidents with young pedestrians increases four times on this night according to a CDC (Center for Disease Control) study. Streets are literally crawling with all sorts of witches, ghosts, goblins, vampires and other costumed people. This makes for added responsibility for drivers to make sure that they drive safely.

Halloween Safety Tips for Motorists

Remember, children and parents tend to be preoccupied and may not be paying as much attention to safety as they should be.

- * Don't use your cell phone or other electronic device while driving on Halloween night. Virginia has a law that prohibits texting while driving every day of the year.
- * Pay extra attention, particularly to crosswalks, intersections and the side of the road. Kids tend to walk along the curbs, cutting across streets to get to other homes.
- * Be aware that children may be shorter than parked cars and wearing dark clothing.
- * Drive below the posted speed limit in residential areas during trick or treating hours. This allows you time to brake if you see a child dart in front of you.
- * Do not pass other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway, they could be dropping off children.
- * If you are dropping off or picking up your kids on a road, pull off the road into a safe spot and turn on your hazard lights to alert other motorists.
- * Carefully enter and exit driveways and alleys.



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