

Police have tips for everyone to have a safe Halloween

Halloween 2014 is fast approaching and Caledon OPP wants everyone to have fun and be safe.

Halloween is an exciting time of year for children, Detachment Commander Inspector Tim Melanson observed. We need to remind our children on how to avoid potentially dangerous situations while ensuring a memorable evening.

For parents

- Accompany your children or ensure they are with a responsible adult.
- Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls.
- Select costumes with bright colors to increase your child's visibility and add reflective strips.
- Provide your child with a flashlight and a cell phone if available.
- Draw a map outlining the route they should follow and set a curfew.
- Do not allow children to carry anything that looks like a weapon.
- Tell your children not to eat anything until they get home.
- Start trick or treating early, before it gets too dark.

For children and youth

- Carry a white bag or pillowcase for candy, or add some reflective tape.
- Bring a cell phone in case you need to make an emergency phone call and carry a flashlight.
- Trick or Treat with a friend.
- Visit homes that are well lit and never go inside a stranger's home.
- Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the side of the road facing traffic. Don't criss-cross back and forth across the street. Never cross between parked cars, but always at crosswalks, street corners or intersections.
- Don't eat treats before getting home. When home, ask your parents to look through the treats with you to make sure everything is safe.
- Tell your parents/guardians where you will be and Trick or Treat in familiar areas.