



CHESAPEAKE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Fall Festival Safety Tips

The Chesapeake Sheriff's Office has put together a list of tips to ensure a fun, safe Fall Festival evening.

1. Be sure older children **TAKE FRIENDS** and younger children are accompanied by a **TRUSTED ADULT** when "Trick or Treating."
2. Accompany younger children to the door of every home they approach and make sure parents and guardians are familiar with every home and all people from which the children receive treats.
3. Teach children to **NEVER** enter a home without prior permission from their parents or guardians.
4. Teach children to **NEVER** approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent or guardian.
5. Make sure all children wear reflective clothing and carry a glow stick when out at dusk and at night.
6. Make sure children are able to see and breathe properly and easily when using facial masks. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
7. Teach children to **NEVER** approach a home that is not well lit both inside and outside.
8. Teach children to stay alert and remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents, guardians, and/or the proper authority.
9. Teach children if anyone tries to grab them to make a scene; loudly yell this person is not my father/mother/guardian; and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming, and resisting.
10. Families may want to organize or attend parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to "Trick or Treating."

We know that many of these tips are common sense, but it is always good to review. Remember, you are always safer when you stay in areas that you know or at adult supervised community events. You should always use good hygiene practices and wash your hands when you return home and before you eat your treats.

**On behalf of Sheriff John R. Newhart and Undersheriff Jim O'Sullivan
Have a Safe & Fun Holiday.**



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