

# **Mitchell Crime Prevention Unit**

## **October Crime Prevention Tip**

### **Topic: Halloween Safety Tips for Kids**

#### **Costumes:**

##### **My costume is short and snug**

Baggy sleeves, big capes, puffy skirts can trip you up and catch fire if they brush against jack-o-lanterns or candle flames.

##### **My shoes fit**

Big Floppy shoes (clown shoes, adult shoes) that are hard to walk in may make you fall.

##### **My costume props are flexible**

Costume props can hurt you badly if you fall. Make sure swords, knives, etc. are made of flexible plastic or rubber.

##### **The eyeholes in my mask are wide enough**

Make sure if you wear a mask that it fits you properly and the eye-holes allow you to see fully. Don't wear a mask that is too loose; it can slop and block your vision. Even better, paint your face instead of wearing a mask. Make-up is a better option over masks.

#### **Streets:**

##### **Drivers can see my costume in the dark**

Be original with a glow in the dark costume by attaching some reflective tape and stickers. Attach glow sticks to your costume.

##### **I'm trick or treating in a group**

Don't go it alone while trick or treating. Kids, if you're under age 13, make sure you go with an adult. Older kids should always go with buddies.

##### **I cross the streets at crosswalks and intersections**

Stop at street corners. Look left, right and left again before crossing, and don't cross between parked cars! Remember, never step into the street without looking to see if a vehicle is coming.

#### **Treats:**

##### **I make sure my parents check my treats before I eat them**

Pick only wrapped candy when you trick or treat. Ask your parents to check all treats to make sure they are safe.

## **BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!**