



# Halloween Safety Tips

*In order for the West Seattle and South Park communities to enjoy this fun-filled holiday as safely as possible, the Seattle Police Department's SW Precinct has compiled the following Halloween Safety Tips for children, adults and motorists.*



## **Trick-Or-Treaters:**

- Make sure to bring a flashlight and a cell phone
- Plan out the route for trick-or-treating ahead of time, pick well-lit streets
- Only cross the street at corners or crosswalks, never cross between cars or in the middle of the block
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic
- Only approach houses that are well-lit
- Never enter a strangers home and never accept rides from strangers
- Wait until you arrive home to sort, check and eat your treats
- Treat-or-treat in groups, preferably with an adult

## **Adults and Parents:**

- Ensure costumes for children fit properly and are appropriate for the weather
- Whenever possible, all costumes should be light in color or reflective and not flammable
- Make sure the path to your door is clear and well-lit for trick-or-treaters
- Inspect all candy and treats before eating

## **Motorists:**

- Drive extra carefully in neighborhoods, looking out for children who may not be looking for you
- Do not drive while wearing bulky costumes
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys very carefully

## **Helpful Crime Prevention Information:**

*This unique holiday often allows opportunity for other types of crime*

- Stay aware, vigilant and observant of those around you
- Show confidence and trust your instincts
- If possible, don't walk alone after dark
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash or displaying expensive jewelry
- Be cautious when carrying valuables- keep hidden and/or secured
- If alcohol is a part of your Halloween celebration- designate a driver or plan alternate mode of transportation

**Report all suspicious behavior to the Seattle Police Department by calling 911!**