

NEWS RELEASE

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ORANGE COUNTY REMINDS RESIDENTS OF HALLOWEEN SAFETY MEASURES

Orange County, VA – As Halloween approaches, Orange County recommends reviewing the following safety measures as basic precautions for children and adults alike. Reports indicate that Halloween night poses additional dangers to children and that more injuries and deaths occur on Halloween night than on an average night. The Center for Disease Control provides the following reminders for Halloween safety:

- Avoid trick-or-treating alone;
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before they are eaten;
- Only accept or consume items which are commercially wrapped;
- Ensure that swords, knives, and similar costume accessories are short, soft, and flexible;
- Avoid eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses and by testing makeup in a small area first;
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags;
- Use established crosswalks wherever possible:
- Use sidewalks and walk facing traffic; and
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Drivers are encouraged to drive slowly and safely, and to anticipate sudden movements from excited children. For additional information or assistance, please contact the Office on Youth at (540) 672-5484. Be safe out there!

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