Street Smarts

Halloween Safety Tips

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For Parents and Children Trick-or-Treating:

- Use face paint or make-up, rather than a mask, so children can see better.

- Dress kids in light colored costumes (ghosts, for instance) so children can be seen in the dark. Adults accompanying children should also wear light-colored clothing to enhance visibility.

- Only cross the street at the corner or at a crosswalk. Do not cross mid-block. This is extremely dangerous and is a leading cause of pedestrian accidents in San José.

- Use care and look in all directions, when crossing the street.

- Take children trick-or-treating early, before it gets dark.

- Trick-or-Treat with parents or friends, never alone.

- Carry a flashlight, light stick, or lit Jack-o-lantern so drivers can see children more readily.

- Trick-or-Treat at safe locations such as:
  - ✓ Businesses
  - ✓ Malls & Shopping centers
  - ✓ Special events
  - ✓ Your neighbors' homes
- Check treats before children eat them.

For Drivers:

- Expect children at all times, even late at night, as there may be some late trick-or-treating.

- Slow down when you see a goblin or ghoul!

- Watch for children who may dart out from between cars.

- Use headlights even before it gets dark, so your car can be seen.

REMEMBER:

More pedestrian accidents occur during the darkest months of the year. Drivers are urged to use extra caution and watch closely for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Pedestrians are encouraged to watch out for cars and only cross the street at the corner or at a crosswalk. Never cross mid-block.

Bicyclists are reminded to watch for cars turning right, even if the bicyclist has the right-of-way. This type of accident is a leading cause of bicycle-related injuries in San José.

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