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Halloween Safety Tips *From the City of San José Street Smarts program*

For Parents and Children Trick-or-Treating:

- Use **face paint** or **make-up**, instead of a mask, so children can see better.
- Dress kids in **light-colored costumes** so they can be easily seen in the dark. Adults accompanying children should also wear light-colored clothing to enhance their visibility to drivers.
- **Only cross the street at the corner or at a crosswalk.** Do not cross mid-block. Mid-block crossings are 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** or light stick so drivers can see children more readily.
- Trick-or-Treat at **safe locations** such as:
 - Businesses
 - Downtown areas
 - Malls
 - Shopping centers
 - At special events
 - Your neighbors' homes
- **Always check treats** before children eat them.

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For Drivers:

- On Halloween night, **watch for children in the street** at all times.
- **Slow down!**
- **Be on the lookout 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.

Bicyclists are reminded to watch for cars turning or merging, even if the bicyclist has the right-of-way. These types of accidents are leading causes of bicycle-related injuries in San José.

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