



## CITY OF CORNING HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

The City of Corning would like to remind everyone of the following safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable one:

### Tips for Homeowners:

- Welcome trick-or-treaters at home by turning on your exterior lights.
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors.
- Drive slowly all evening-you never know what creature may suddenly cross your path.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to your local police department.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.

### Making Safe Costumes:

- Check that costumes are flame-retardant so that the little ones aren't in danger near candle-lit jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- Encourage kids to wear comfortable shoes.
- Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable, and, more importantly, they can obstruct a child's vision - a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.

### Tips for Trick-or-Treaters

- Make sure older kids go out with friends. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat. Together, map out a safe route so you know where they'll be. Remind them not to take short cuts through backyards, alleys, or playing fields.
- Remind kids not to enter a stranger's house or car. Stay within your neighborhood and visit homes of people you know.
- Try to get kids trick-or-treat while it is still light out. If it is dark, make sure a couple of people are carrying flashlights that work.

### Eating the Treats

- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home.
- Have an adult examine all candy before allowing children to eat it. If you suspect candy has been tampered with, call your local police department.
- What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious.