



ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Emergency 911
Non-Emergency 843-886-6522
Livability 843-886-6262

Preparation

Clear decorations and obstacles that could become hazards in the dark.

Insist your child eat before trick or treating to reduce temptation to eat uninspected candy.

Turn on interior and exterior lights.

Appoint a “haunt patrol” from your neighborhood or citizens’ group.

Establish a trick or treat route and a curfew in advance.

Have a plan in case your child gets separated from the group.

Remind children of safe places – friends’ homes, the Public Safety Building, Fire Stations or anywhere with crowds and lights.

Review with children things real monsters might do or say to lure them: have cute pets, pretending to be hurt and needing help, using candy, or saying Mommy and Daddy are sick or injured.

Costumes

Ensure costume length does not create a trip hazard.

Try make-up instead of vision-obstructing masks.

Use flame-retardant materials.

Use bright colors, reflectors, glow sticks and flashlights.

Fake weapons should appear obviously fake.

Trick or Treat

No one should go alone.

Younger kids should have a grown-up.

Older kids should be in groups.

Forbid entry into strange houses or cars.

Candy

Remind children not to eat treats until they get home.

Inspect all treats and discard any not wrapped or sealed.