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Woodbridge Police Department Encourages Safe **Haunted Halloween** Trick-or-Treating



Woodbridge Township Halloween Curfew in Place for Sun., Oct. 30 & Mon., Oct. 31

Woodbridge - Woodbridge Township is once again under the spell of **"Haunted Halloween"** with **"Spooktacular"** events in celebration of the annual recognition of **"All Hollows Eve."** As Halloween has grown in popularity, so have responsibilities to safeguard and protect our "Trick-or-Treaters" as they go from house-to-house and to the special Halloween events sponsored by the Township Department of Recreation, schools and community groups.

The Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) will enforce a Halloween curfew on the evenings of Sun., Oct. 30 (Mischief Night) and Mon., Oct. 31 (Halloween). The curfew is in place from 7:00 PM to sunrise on Sun., Oct. 30 and Mon., Oct. 31 and applies to everyone under the age of 18 (unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult). Police will issue a warning and instructions to return home to first-time violators; second offense violators will be held until picked-up by a parent or guardian.

While the Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) will be watching out for our **"Ghosts & Goblins"** as part of special Township-wide patrols, the safety of our youngest "Trick-or-Treaters" falls to parents and older children. We encourage everyone – young and old alike – to think 'safety first' as they attend Halloween events and as youngsters take to the streets for "Trick-or-Treating" on Halloween.

The WPD issued the following Halloween safety precautions:

- Make sure “Trick-or-Treaters” know to only approach familiar houses that have outside lights on – that is the signal that the homeowner/resident is ready to greet “Trick-or-Treaters.” **NEVER ENTER A STRANGER'S HOUSE OR VEHICLE;**
- Consider using make-up rather than masks. Masks obstruct vision, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic;
- Wear light-colored clothing or add reflective tape to darker costumes;
- Always carry a flashlight or an inexpensive battery-operated strobe light;
- An adult should always accompany small children while “Trick-or-Treating.” Older children should travel in groups for safety;
- “Trick-or-Treat” in daylight hours;
- Consider handing out something other than candy - fast food coupons, sports cards and other novelty items make for safe treats;
- “Trick-or-Treaters” should return home before opening candy and other treats – previously opened candy should be discarded.

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