

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Kids love the magic of Halloween: Trick-or-treating, classroom parties and trips to a neighborhood haunted house. But for parents and guardians, often there is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road and pedestrian safety. In 2016, 7,330 pedestrians died in traffic or non-traffic incidents. Non-traffic incidents include those occurring on driveways, in parking lots or on private property. National Safety Council research reveals about 18% of these deaths occurred at road crossings or intersections. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these deaths.

Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. In 2017, October ranked No. 2 in motor vehicle deaths by month, with 3,700. July is No. 1, with 3,830 deaths.

Together we can make this Halloween a safe Halloween by adhering to these safety tips.

Trick or Treaters Tips:

-A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds

-If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks

-If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you

-Agree on a specific time children should return home

-Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car

-Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends

-Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home

-All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant

-Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision

-When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first

-Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

-Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.



Motorist Tips:

-Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs

-Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully

-At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

-Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

-Head up, phone down

-Even when talking hands-free, drivers can miss seeing up to half of what's around them because they are engaged in a cell phone conversation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Haunted Hollow

Monday, October 15, 2018

Galena Hills Park

12500 S. Vista Station
Boulevard (550 W.) Draper

Wear a costume and enjoy a night of haunted fun at the spookiest party in Draper! This free fun-filled community event will include creepy carnival games, candy and prizes, pumpkin patch, live entertainment, and more.

Nat'l Drug Take Back Day

October 27th 10am to 2p at
Smith's 212 E. 12300 South

Coffee with a Cop

November 3rd 11a to 1p at
Starbucks 1300 E. & 12300 So.

JUST A REMINDER: Current IRS Scams

- * The IRS ***WILL NOT*** contact you by phone—ever.
- * The IRS only contacts taxpayers by mail.
- * IRS does not call to threaten taxpayers with warrants for non-payments
- * IRS NEVER requires taxpayers to satisfy any tax debt by any type of gift card or credit card.
- * If you are told to pay the IRS with iTunes, Amazon.com, Home Depot, Green Dot, etc — it is SCAM.
- * Beware of impersonators.
- * Just hang up!
- * When in doubt, call the Draper Police Department.

If you would like more information on any of the material mentioned in this month's newsletter, contact Draper's Neighborhood Watch Specialist at 801.576.6342.