



Bedford County Sheriff's Office Tips for Halloween



- 🦇 Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- 🦇 Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- 🦇 A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds and if your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you.
- 🦇 Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends and agree on a specific time children should return home.



- 🦇 Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.
- 🦇 Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks and always look both ways before crossing.

- 🦇 Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- 🦇 Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- 🦇 Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- 🦇 Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car.



- 🦇 **EXTRA TIP:** Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home – parents must always “sample” first!