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Halloween safety on the forefront for LPPD



Members of the La Porte Police Department wish every parent, child, and Halloween enthusiast a safe and happy Halloween. Since the holiday falls on a Tuesday night this year, the department plans to focus on preventing acts of vandalism and the inevitable increase in traffic accidents as partygoers take to the roads. The police department especially cautions drivers and parents of young trick-or-treaters to take appropriate steps to ensure that the night stays safe.

Residents are also urged to consider, according to the American Automobile Association (AAA), two-thirds of people ages 18 to 24 host or attend Halloween parties. As such, the Police Department is reminding those who plan on attending a party, and consuming alcoholic beverages, to coordinate a designated driver in advance.

As a final reminder, the Police Department is also asking that parents of trick-or-treaters review the following safety tips:

- Don't let children go "Trick-or-Treating" alone. An adult should accompany young children.
- Accompany young children to the door of every house they approach. Stay within sight of the door.
- Be familiar with every house and with all people from which the children receive treats.
- Children should be cautioned never to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.
- Children should be cautioned never to enter any home without prior permission from their parents.
- Children should be warned to never approach any house that isn't well lit and that does not have a porch light on.
- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that has been opened or has never been wrapped and police should be notified if something has been tampered with.
- Children should be cautioned to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents or the police.
- Children should be advised to run away from people who try to lure them with special treats.
- Costumes should be short to prevent tripping. Use light colors and reflective materials.
- Try using make-up on the child's face instead of a mask, as a mask can obstruct a child's view.
- When using facemasks, make sure the child can see and breathe properly and easily.
- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or flashlight and wear reflective clothing.

For questions concerning holiday safety or other related matters, contact the La Porte Police Department at 281-842-3183 or 281-842-3124.