

Prescott Police Department
Crime Prevention Section
2009 Halloween Safety Tips



MT. VERNON ACTIVITIES:

Mt. Vernon will be closed to vehicle traffic beginning at 4:00 p.m. until at least 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. Vehicle traffic will be detoured for the majority of the evening. Please be advised there will be an enhanced police presence in the neighborhoods this evening.



HOMEOWNERS:

Please keep your lights on and clear your walkways of obstacles so your guests won't stumble on the property.

Please confine your pets both for their safety and guests' safety.

Just a reminder, chocolate is poisonous for dogs!

Please offer only store-bought securely wrapped treats to your visitors.

Please do not leave candles unattended, especially in pumpkins that may get knocked over.

Do not invite or allow strangers into your home for any reason.



Report any suspicious activity to the Prescott Police Department.

PARENTS:

Please escort young children during their trick or treat collections.

Make sure they are wearing fire-resistant costumes with light-reflective tape on them.



Please provide flashlights or glow sticks for your children so they can be seen by others, especially drivers.

Make sure your children use caution when crossing streets by slowing down and looking both ways. Encourage them to stay on the sidewalks whenever possible.

Make sure children have a cell phone, and utilize the "buddy system" while visiting the neighbors. Do NOT allow children to trick or treat alone.

Ensure older children, without parental escorts, have a pre-set curfew and a pre-determined route.

Instruct your children NOT to enter anyone's home while trick or treating.

Remind your children to refrain from eating their treats until they are home and it has been inspected for signs of tampering.



DRIVERS:

Please drive with extreme caution this evening. Keep in mind children are very excited and distracted and may not be cautious when crossing the street.

Watch for children crossing mid-block and running between parked cars.

Keep your eyes posted for children in dark costumes.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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