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## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

**Clearwater, Fla.** –As witches, goblins and super-heroes roam the streets this Halloween, remember to put safety first. The Clearwater Police Department and Clearwater Fire & Rescue recommend the following tips to help parents and children prepare for a safe holiday.

- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Cross at street corners, not between parked cars.
- Use face paint rather than masks that cover your eyes and obstruct your view.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible.
- Carry a flashlight to light the way.
- A responsible adult should accompany children while trick-or-treating. If an adult is not able to go, limit time out to daylight hours and plan the child's route. Set a time for his or her return home. Make sure children are old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves.
- Go with a group and stay together. There is safety in numbers.
- Stay in well-lit areas and don't cut through fields.
- Accept treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Adults should inspect treats before kids eat them.
- Stay away from open fires and candles. Costumes can be extremely flammable.
- Carry a cell phone so you can call 911 if there's an emergency.

Attached is a Halloween safety PSA courtesy of the Clearwater Police Department.

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