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## Halloween Safety Tips

The El Segundo Police Department reminds everyone that Halloween can be a fun holiday but it can be potentially dangerous. Here are some tips to keep parents and trick-or-treaters safe during Halloween:

- Try to trick-or-treat when there is still light outside.
- Wear a costume that is fire resistant and makes it easy to walk, see and be seen.
- Masks can obstruct your vision so consider using facial make up instead.
- Use a flashlight if you are out at night.
- To avoid tripping, walk from house to house instead of running.
- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children.
- Never enter a stranger's house.
- Only cross the street at corners and do not cross mid-block between parked cars.

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, remove anything that visitors could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Examine your candy at home before consumption. If in doubt, throw it out!
- Keep pets away from all candy. Chocolate, which contains theobromine, can be poisonous to pets causing nerve damage and even death.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

The El Segundo Police Department hopes everyone has a fun and safe Halloween!