



RESPECT OTHERS

Don't litter! If you have trash, take it home and throw it away.

Don't vandalize or damage people's property or decorations.

Don't cut through yards.

Don't push or trip others.

Remember, if the lights at a home are off, they do not want visitors.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Fort Dodge Police Department

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Fort Dodge, IA 50501

515-573-1424
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Call **911** in case of emergency.



TRAVELING SAFETY

Let your parents know what neighborhood you will be trick-or-treating in.

Let your parents know when you will be home. If you will be home late, call them.

Go in a group and not alone. Have a trusted adult accompany you.

Stay on sidewalks and well-lit paths. If you can't be on the sidewalk, stay on the far edge of the road facing traffic.

Don't run or dart across streets. It's dark out and hard for cars to see you.

Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.

Never accept rides from strangers.

Only enter homes if you're with a trusted adult.

Don't approach the pets of strangers without permission.

Trick or Treat

CANDY SAFETY

Wait to eat your candy until you get home.

Allow your parents to inspect the treats for tampering or choking hazards.

Only eat factory wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.



COVID-19 SAFETY

Iowa Department of Public Health strongly recommends following CDC guidelines when deciding what is appropriate for Trick-or-Treating activities.

Limit the number of houses you visit and tell children to maintain six feet distance from treat-givers.

COSTUME SAFETY

Make sure masks have large enough eye and breathing holes.

Make sure your costume fits well.

Costume accessories like swords and knives should be short, soft, and flexible.

Incorporate something reflective into your costume and/or carry a flashlight.

Wear layers to stay warm.

Don't walk near candles and try to purchase flame-resistant costumes.

Visit coronavirus.iowa.gov for more info



Only accept factory-wrapped treats.

Stay local. Avoid the urge to attend events in other communities or neighborhoods.

Consider participating in one-way trick or treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to maintain social distance.