

Don't get spooked this Halloween



A parent's guide to keeping children and teenagers safe

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips:



Supervision: Accompany young children while trick-or-treating and set a return-home-time for older kids.



Stranger Danger: Talk to your child about staying with their friends and never going into a property they do not know.



Safe Routes: Plan a safe route in familiar neighbourhoods, use pelican and zebra crossings, and stick to well-lit streets



Use Reflective Accessories: Add reflective tape to costumes and carry flashlights or glow sticks.



Visible and Well-Fitting Costumes: Ensure your child's costume is easy to see in the dark and fits properly to prevent tripping.



Mobile phones: Make sure phones are charged, have location apps turned on, and keep it out of sight when they are not using it



Pets: Keep dogs on a lead and purchase a reflective collar if taking your dog with you



Lights On: Keep a light on in your home to help welcome your children home and prevent burglars

It is always best to check any sweets, gifts, or toys children have been given while trick-or-treating.

We ask that children and teenagers do not visit homes that display a 'no trick-or-treating' sign as this time of year can be unsettling for many. You can download a copy on our trick-or-treat posters on our website.

If you want to report something suspicious call **101** or **999** in an emergency.

For more information about West Midlands Police are helping keep you safe this Halloween, search '**WMP Darker Nights**'.

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