



October
2015

THE TOWN WATCH

Lakewood Village TX Neighborhood Watch



UPCOMING L W V EVENT



Halloween Hayrack Rides Saturday, October 31

*Meet at Town Hall
early as the first
Hayrack is scheduled
to leave at 6:00 p.m.*

*The Denton County
Deputies will again be
here to help everyone
celebrate safely. Plus
they will have some
great neighborhood
safety information
and give-a-ways for
all .*

*If you would like to
volunteer to help with
this event, please
contact Gary
Newsome, Town
Councilman.*

Stay Safe All!

To report
suspicious activity,
call Denton County
Sheriff's Office
(940) 349-1600

Halloween Safety: 13 Tips for Trick-or-Treating

Look out behind you: here comes Halloween - that magical holiday when kids' imaginations soar and anything seems possible! But Halloween has a spooky side, too. From carving pumpkins to skipping around after dark, Halloween offers its own unique hazards. For example, did you know that kids are four times more likely to be struck by a car on Halloween? That's what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found after studying more than 20 years of statistics from the National Highway Safety Commission. Now, that's truly scary!

So, as you prepare for the Big Night, and then escort your little trick-or-treater on his rounds, practice these good safety habits.

Halloween Safety Tips

1. Always stay on the sidewalk, if there is one. No sidewalk? Stick close to the curb or edge of road, facing oncoming traffic.
2. Never choose the shortest route over the safest one. Emphasize the importance of crossing only at corners or intersections. Crossing mid-block increases your risk of an accident.
3. Remind kids to look both ways (left-right-left) before crossing the street, and don't assume that motorists will yield to you. Carry those glow sticks and wear the glow necklaces. These inexpensive items can be seen by motorists and possibly save lives!
4. Make it clear if certain areas or houses are off-limits. There's advantages to trick-or-treating with a group: there's safety in numbers, and it's more fun!
5. Don't wait until Halloween to layout the trick-or-treating ground rules; kids will be too excited to pay close attention. Instead, start reviewing your safety rules several weeks in advance.
6. Halloween is a great time to remind kids about stranger danger! Teach your child to be polite but cautious around neighbors they haven't met, and to never, ever enter a stranger's home or car.
7. Beware of black cats and other nocturnal critters. Halloween, with its constantly ringing doorbells and throngs of people, can make even calm pets nervous. Advise your child to steer clear of pets they don't know, and consider removing your own pet from all the action.
8. This one is never popular, but don't let kids sample their Halloween candy until you inspect them. To lessen the disappointment, serve up a fun, Halloween theme meal first. How about a Worm Sandwich (hot dogs cut into squiggly strips, curled up on a bun)? Or Spaghetti and Eyeballs (with strategically-placed olives embedded into the meatballs)?
9. Although food tampering is rare, inspect your child's candy closely. Discard those with loose wrappings and homemade treats (unless you personally know the baker). Remove choking hazards and age-inappropriate goodies.
10. Set rules regarding candy consumption, starting on Halloween night. It's no coincidence that physicians see a rise in upset stomachs after Halloween!
11. Spook-proof your yard for visiting trick-or-treaters. Clear the walkway of wet leaves and other obstacles; turn on all the lights. If your decorations require extension cords, get them out of the way.
12. As far as Jack o' Lanterns go, never let young children near carving tools. Non-toxic paint, stickers, and push-in pins are safe decorating alternatives. Or let your child draw the face, while you do the carving. Instead of candles, illuminate your pumpkin with a safe, battery-operated alternative.
13. Falls are the leading cause of accidental injuries on Halloween, according to the National Safety Council. So shorten that hem, leave the high heels home, safety-proof that costume and then:

Have a BOO-tiful Halloween!

