

October is Halloween Safety Month!

Halloween is an exciting time for kids and parents too! But none of us want to see our children injured or in unsafe conditions.

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation will host an annual Halloween Party at the Proesel Park Tennis Courts on Sunday October 31st between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. The Lincolnwood Police department wants to remind parents about safety and mischief. Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours are between 3:00 p.m. and dusk.

Juvenile mischief and vandalism within the village will not be tolerated. Parents should remind their kids about the penalties of vandalism and curfew violations.

Have The Talk--First!

Make sure you talk with your kids about the safety tips below.



Check and Double Check!

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising children under the age of 12.
- Plan and discuss the route Trick-or-Treaters intend to follow.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Tell your youngsters NOT to eat any treat until they return home and have the treats inspected by a parent.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and **never** to enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.



Costume Design!

- Masks can obstruct a child's vision. If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.
- Use only fire-retardant materials for costumes.
- Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a trip hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)
- Pin a slip of paper with your child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case he/she gets separated from the group.



Accessories!

- Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective.
- Flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.



Home, Safe Home!

- Remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not jump on or bite Trick-Or-Treaters.

The Lincolnwood Police Department Wishes everyone a fun and safe Halloween.