



# Safe Trick or Treating

Marshalltown Trick or Treat Night

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

- Have your parents inspect your treats before you eat them.
- Trick or Treat with a group.
- Young children should have an adult supervise their trick or treat group.
- Avoid going to unfamiliar homes or locations.
- Don't eat any treats that have inappropriate packaging, no packaging, or packaging that has been tampered with.
- Don't accept opened beverages as treats.
- Use a flashlight.
- Wear reflective clothing.
- To avoid tripping don't wear costumes that are too loose or too long.
- Mask holes should be large enough to see through easily.
- Walk on sidewalks or as near to the curb as possible.
- Cross streets at the corner of each block or in designated crosswalks.
- Watch for vehicular traffic when crossing streets or walking in streets. Don't assume the right of way.
- Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what the route is.
- Wear flame retardant costumes.
- **BE VERY CAUTIOUS OF STRANGERS!**
- **DON'T GET IN A VEHICLE WITH A STRANGER!**
- Accept treats only in the doorway of a house. NEVER GO INSIDE A HOUSE.
- Don't play near jack-o'-lanterns.
- Walk, don't run. NEVER RUN ACROSS A STREET.
- Only visit houses where the lights are on.
- Take a cellular phone with your group if possible.
- Be courteous to other people walking on the sidewalks or in the streets.
- Contact Law Enforcement immediately if you observe any suspicious or unlawful activity.
- Make sure young children are not given treats that might be a choking hazard for them.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.

