

Halloween Safety Info

With Halloween quickly approaching the Fircrest Police Department would like to remind residents to consider the following safety tips during fall festivities, especially for those who plan on trick-or-treating or who will be out at night. Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31, falls on a Wednesday this year. We will have extra patrol officers on duty helping to ensure everyone has a safe and happy Halloween. We have inventoried the street lights in town and have provided a list of those needing replacement to our Public Works Department so that they may be repaired prior to Halloween. We are working closely with our Public Works Department and if you do happen to notice a street light out in your neighborhood please call Fircrest Public Works at 253-564-8900 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and they will get out to repair the problem as soon as possible. By working together our hope is to have all our street lights working on Halloween night.

Those who are attending a party in or out of town should remember:

- Many young children are out for the evening, especially during the peak hour of 5:30 -7:30 p.m., so please drive slowly!!!!



Fall celebrations like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times for children, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety. Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:

Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.

Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.

Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.

Keep candle-lit jack o 'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.

Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Going trick-or-treating?

We want everyone to be able to safely enjoy their Halloween and fall festivities this year and by following these safety tips from the Centers for Disease Control we can best ensure a fun evening for all our residents. We ask people to follow the "Safe Halloween" motto

S Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

A Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

H Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.

A Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

L Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

L Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

O Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

W Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

E Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

E Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

N Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.