



# Halloween Safety



Trick-or-treating takes place in Shelby Township neighborhoods 6-8 PM on Halloween Oct. 31. The Shelby Township Police Department will sound the township's emergency siren at 6 p.m. to start trick-or-treating and end it with the siren again at 8 p.m. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, please refer to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control for guidance on how to protect yourselves and others as you celebrate Halloween and other fall holidays. If you choose to trick or treat in Shelby Township, please follow the Shelby Township Police Department's guidelines.



Swords, knives and other costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible. Consider leaving realistic or cumbersome props at home to play with afterward.

Be creative with make-up and masks to avoid vision obstructions. Test any make-up in a small area first before applying. Remove all make-up before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.



Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help make you more visible to drivers.

Plan a route beforehand and discuss it with everyone in the group.



Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating. Limit treats to avoid upset stomachs.

Never trick-or-treat alone. Always go out in a group.



Hold a flashlight to help you see and to help others see you. You should walk, not run, from house to house.



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

Never accept rides from strangers. Only visit well-lit houses.

Never walk near lit candles or jack o'lanterns on or near the ground.



Check your neighborhood for registered sex offenders. Offenders on active supervision are banned from Halloween activities involving children.



Use [icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=55242](https://www.icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=55242)



## **For others participating in trick-or-treating or hosting parties:**

Make sure all walkways are well-lit and free of obstacles.

Keep jack o'lanterns, candles and other luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings and curtains. Place them out of reach of pets and small children. Never leave them unattended.

When driving, watch for trick-or-treaters.