

STAYING SAFE ON HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a fun and exciting time for people of all ages, filled with costumes, trick-or-treating and festive gatherings. But with all the excitement, it's easy to overlook important safety precautions. Whether you're out with kids, hosting a party, or driving through busy neighbourhoods, staying alert and prepared is key to keeping everyone safe.

By taking a few simple steps—like supervising children, watching for traffic and closely following road safety rules—you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween for everyone.

HOW TO STAY SAFE ON OCTOBER 31ST:

- TIPS FOR DRIVERS
- TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATERS
- TIPS FOR CELEBRATIONS



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TIPS FOR DRIVERS:

- **Slow Down and Stay Alert:** Watch your speed - especially in residential areas where kids are out trick-or-treating. Driving at a safe speed gives you more time to react if a child suddenly steps into the road. For example, a vehicle traveling at 30 km/h needs about 18 meters (roughly the length of four cars) to come to a complete stop.
- **Keep Your Eyes on the Road, Not Your Phone:** Distracted driving is a leading cause of pedestrian accidents. On Halloween, when people are everywhere, it's especially important to stay focused. Put your phone away and keep your attention on the road.
- **Be Patient and Cautious:** Expect slower traffic as other drivers watch for trick-or-treaters. If a vehicle ahead is slowing down or stopped, don't try to pass—it may be allowing children to cross the street.

TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATERS:

- **Stick Together:** Before heading out, set up a buddy system to make sure no one walks alone. Staying in groups helps keep everyone safe and makes the night more fun.
- **Follow Traffic Rules:** Always obey road signs and signals. Be alert and aware of your surroundings, especially near busy streets.
- **Cross Safely:** Use crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. Look both ways—and check for turning vehicles—before crossing. Make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you.

TIPS FOR CELEBRATIONS:

- **Plan Ahead for a Safe Ride:** If you're planning to drink, arrange a safe way to get home before the festivities begin. Choose a designated driver or book a ride through a taxi, ride-hailing, or ride-sharing service.
- **Don't Drive After Drinking—Ever:** Even small amounts of alcohol can impair your ability to drive safely. If you've been drinking, find another way home. It's never worth the risk.
- **Use Fireworks Responsibly:** In areas where fireworks are permitted, make sure to light them in a clear, open space away from roads and traffic. Avoid setting them off near pedestrians or vehicles—especially on Halloween night when visibility is low and foot traffic is high.

REMEMBER:

A little extra caution goes a long way in making Halloween a safe, memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone.

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