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## Stay Safe and Healthy this Halloween

### York County's Recommended Trick-Or-Treat Hours and Ages Announced

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In York County, trick-or-treating is recommended for children ages 12 and under from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31 – Halloween!

York County Fire Chief Steve Kopczynski and York-Poquoson Sheriff Ron Montgomery offer the following trick-or-treat safety tips:

- All costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire-resistant.
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags or give them glow sticks.
- Consider wearing bright and/or light-colored costumes, which are easier to see at night.
- Opt for non-toxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision.
- Have an adult accompany younger children.
- Residents are asked to turn on porch lights to identify homes that wish to receive trick-or-treaters. Please avoid houses where porch lights are off.
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies.
- Remind children to be careful, watch for traffic, and to use flashlights.
- Motorists should watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs, and enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

For general questions about Halloween safety, call York County Fire & Life Safety at 757-890-3600, or the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office at 757-890-3630. In an emergency, always call 9-1-1.