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### **Chicago Police Offer Halloween Safety Tips**

*Several Chicago Police Districts will Host Haunted Houses and Offer Safe Trick-or-Treat Options for Community Youth*

CHICAGO – The Chicago Police Department is reminding parents, adults and children to observe some simple, common-sense safety tips while trick-or-treating this Halloween. One of the safest ways to celebrate is to attend a sponsored, supervised event. In addition to sponsored events at local police Districts, many community centers, churches and schools sponsor family-friendly Halloween events. If children will be trick-or-treating outside planned, sponsored events, the following safety tips will help ensure a safe and enjoyable time for all:

- Trick-or-treat activities should be limited to daylight hours in familiar neighborhoods. Parents or guardians should accompany small children at all times.
- Children should dress in light-colored costumes or have reflectors placed on dark clothing. Painted make-up is considered safer than a mask and is less restrictive to a child's vision.
- Accept sealed or wrapped treats only. All items should be inspected by an adult before allowing children to partake.
- Never enter abandoned buildings, deserted areas or other places which are out of the public view. Children should be reminded not to talk to strangers and never enter a stranger's house or vehicle.
- Obey all traffic rules, such as crossing streets at corners and not between cars in the middle of the block. Motorists should exercise extra caution when driving on neighborhood streets and pay particular attention to the possibility of trick-or-treaters darting into traffic.
- Citizens should call 911 to report any suspicious activities or acts of vandalism.

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Below are some of the safe trick-or-treating options for neighborhood children Chicago Police are providing this year. Several Chicago Police district stations will host haunted houses this Halloween and many others will be passing out goodies to trick-or-treaters. Below is a list of a few events planned for October 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. Also feel free to contact your local District to see what may be taking place in your area:

- Grand Crossing (3<sup>rd</sup>) District:** On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Grand Crossing (3<sup>rd</sup>) District police officers will welcome trick-or-treaters and pass out candy at the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Station – 7040 S. Cottage Grove, from 3 pm – 5 pm. For more information, call 312-747-7004.
- South Chicago (4<sup>th</sup>) District** On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, South Chicago (4<sup>th</sup>) District police officers will host a Haunted House from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the 4<sup>th</sup> District Station – 2255 E. 103rd St. For more information, call 312-747-1708.
- Calumet (5<sup>th</sup>) District:** On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Calumet (5<sup>th</sup>) District police officers will host a Haunted House from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Station – 727 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 312-747-8210.
- Ogden (10<sup>th</sup>) District:** On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Ogden (10<sup>th</sup>) District police officers will be host a Halloween Movie Party for community youth at the 10<sup>th</sup> District Station – 3315 W. Ogden, from 2 pm to 6 pm. For more information, call 312-747-7190.
- Harrison (11<sup>th</sup>) District:** On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Harrison (11<sup>th</sup>) District police officers will be hosting a Halloween Celebration with station decorations and free movie, popcorn and candy to community youth under 17 yrs of age at the 11<sup>th</sup> District Station – 3151 W. Harrison, from 5 pm to 8 pm. For more information, call 312-746-9841.
- Shakespeare (14<sup>th</sup>) District:** On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Shakespeare (14<sup>th</sup>) District police officers will be hosting a Halloween Celebration along the Bloomingdale Trail from 3 pm – 5 pm. Admission is free but parents/guardians must accompany children. The 3:00 pm event will be at Burgos Park. The 4:00 pm event will be held at Churchill Park.
- Albany Park (17<sup>th</sup>) District:** On Saturday October 31st, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Officers will be handing out candy to the children and crime prevention tips to the adults in the 017<sup>th</sup> District Community Room – 4650 N. Pulaski.

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- Lincoln (20th) District:** On Saturday, October 31st, Lincoln (20<sup>th</sup>) District police officers will host a Halloween Costume Contest and will be distributing treat bags from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at the 20th District Station – 5400 N. Lincoln. For more information, call 312-742-8770.
- Morgan Park (22nd) District:** On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Morgan Park (22nd) District police officers will be host a Halloween Movie Night at the 22nd District Station – 1900 W. Monterey, from 4 pm to 6 pm. Reserve your space by calling 312-745-0620.
- Rogers Park (24th) District:** On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the 024<sup>th</sup> District and Edgewater Senior Center will be hosting a Senior Halloween Dance Party. Light refreshments will be served. There is a \$2 cost for the dance. For your RSVP call 312-742-5323.
- Grand Central (25th) District:** On Friday, October 31st, Grand Central (25<sup>th</sup>) District police officers will host a Haunted House for children 12 and under (chaperone required) and will be distributing treat bags from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the 25th District Station Community Room – 5555 W. Grand Ave. For more information, call 312-746-5090.

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