

October 2021 Community Newsletter Content

Trick or Treating Tips

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities



Halloween can be a fun and exciting event for kids (and adults). Below are some informative tips to increase safety on October 31.

Residents:

- Turn on outdoor lights and replace burnt-out bulbs.
- Clear a path from the road to your front door and remove any potential obstacles or tripping hazards.
- Keep your pets safe. Confine animals indoors away from the unfamiliar (and spooky) guests at the front door.
- Beware of potential food allergies; consider alternative goodies.
- If you're driving be cautious of Goblins, Ghouls and Ghosts out and about in your neighbourhood.

Parents:

- Costumes should be short enough to avoid tripping; and be light coloured to be easily seen at night. Having your child wear reflective tape will also help them be better seen by drivers.
- Use non-toxic makeup for the costume instead of masks as they can reduce visibility for your child.
- Create an easy-to-follow route with your children and teenagers.
- Travel in groups of three or four. Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Practice crosswalk safety. Make your way up one side of the street and cross to the other side looking both ways, don't crisscross back and forth.
- Double-check you child's goodie bags to ensure everything is safe to eat.

Remember:

Connect with neighbours! Halloween is a great reason to familiarize and engage with your community.

City of Calgary Content

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<https://www.calgary.ca/cfod/csc/community-newsletter-content.html>

This month's topics are:

- How to prepare for the Oct. 18 municipal election.
- Understanding rights-of-way.
- How to check for water leaks in your home.