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### **Keep Halloween Safe and Fun for Trick-or-Treaters**

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (October 26, 2010) — Halloween is a fun and magical night when you get to dress up as whatever your dreams desire. One thing the City of Suffolk desires is that everyone has an enjoyable but safe time trick-or-treating. We remind you it is against the law for anyone over the age of 12 to trick-or-treat in Suffolk. Also, trick-or-treating in Suffolk ends at 8 p.m.

Please keep these safety tips in mind when you are out with your little 'ghost' or 'goblin':

1. A responsible adult should escort children while trick-or-treating.
2. Adult escorts should carry flashlights so motorists can see them.
3. All costumes should be made of light-colored, fireproof material.
4. Children should wear proper fitting, comfortable costumes and shoes.
5. Masks should not be worn if they block vision.
6. Remind children to trick-or-treat at homes that have porch lights on.
7. Children should never eat treats until they get home and the treats are inspected.

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8. Only allow children to eat unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers.
9. Motorists should be patient and slow down.
10. Remember that kids will be excited and may forget to **stop, look** and **listen** before they cross the street.

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