



# Press Release

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## KPD Promotes Halloween Safety

Kilgore, TX -- With Halloween fast approaching the Kilgore Police Department would like to suggest the following tips for Halloween Safety.

- If you wish to participate and welcome trick-or-treaters to your home turn on your porch light.
- Check your yard for any hazards and remove them.
- Use glow sticks or battery powered light source as an alternative for candles.
- Make sure pets are put up.
- When driving through the neighborhoods slow down and be especially observant for children.
- If dropping off children use your hazards and choose a safe place. Be mindful of other vehicles dropping of children. Be patient.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the Kilgore Police Department.
- Children should not trick or treat alone or enter a stranger's house or vehicle.
- If it is dark out have children carry a flashlight, glow stick, wear light colors or use reflective tape.
- Make sure costumes and costume props are safe. Costumes should fit well and be fire retardant. Props should not be able to cause injuries. Mask should not obstruct a child's view.
- Map out a trick-or-treating route. Parents should know where their children are.
- Never eat opened candy. It's a wise choice for parents to inspect all the candy before it is eaten.
- Check out safe alternatives to traditional trick-or-treating such as downtown trick-or-treating on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Churches and Civic groups will also be hosting Halloween type events for children.

Let's all work together to make this Halloween a fun and safe holiday for everyone!

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