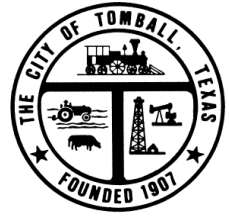


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"Halloween Safety Tips"

With Halloween just around the corner, the Tomball Police Department would like to offer the following safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable one:

- Wear light-colored clothing that is short enough to prevent tripping and should be made of reflective material or decorated with reflective tape or patches to increase visibility at night.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use cosmetics to create fun or scary faces.
- Parents should accompany young children. Even older children should trick-or-treat in groups.
- Children should always stay in well lit areas and avoid short cuts through darkened areas.
- Children should watch for traffic and not run into the street or between parked cars where motorist cannot see them.
- Only give away wrapped candy and throw away any treats that have broken seals or lose wrappers. "If in doubt, throw it out".
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible.
- Examine all candy before allowing kids to eat it. Children should remain outside on the porch and never enter into the home.
- Stay with your neighborhood and only visit home you know. Avoid dark houses. For information about Registered Sex Offenders in Tomball, visit www.tomballpd.com.
- Have fun

If you feel that you received candy that had been tampered with the intent to cause harm to a child, please contact Tomball Police Department at (281) 351-5451.