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Subject: Halloween Safety Tips

The Joplin Police Department would like to offer the following Halloween Safety Tips for parents and children.

- **Do your trick-or-treating during daylight hours if possible.**
- **Only trick-or-treat houses where you know who the people are or visit a business establishment or church that is offering some kind of event.**
- **Only trick-or-treat houses that are well lit. Make sure that your children know that they should not enter anyone's house unless they personally know the person at the house or they have your permission.**
- **If you choose to go out at night, wear clothing that has reflective material on it.**
- **Watch for vehicles as you are walking around. Do not cross the street in the middle of the block especially where vehicles are parked. Parked vehicles obscure the vision of motorists and increases the chances of a pedestrian being struck.**
- **Motorists should be aware of the increased pedestrian traffic and drive with caution especially in residential areas.**
- **Make sure that children have a responsible adult with them at all times.**
- **Make sure that children stay in well-lit areas and that they do not wander off into isolated areas.**
- **Remember that RSMO 589.426 requires registered sex offenders to abide by the following restrictions on October 31st:**
    - **Registered sex offenders are required to avoid all Halloween-related contact with children, turn off all exterior lights at their residence, remain inside his/her residence between 5:00 and**

10:30 p.m., and are required to post a sign indicating that they have “No candy or treats at this residence”.

For further information contact Lt. Matt Stewart at 417-627-8880.