



# Halloween Safety Tips



City of Pella Beggar's Night

Saturday, October 31, 2020, 6-8 p.m.

The Pella Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy Halloween. To ensure that your children can enjoy this Halloween tradition safely, please remember these important reminders:

- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Have your child walk with a group or trusted adult. Know your child's route.
- Carry a flashlight and have children walk, not run from house to house.
- Pin a slip of paper with your child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case they become separated from a group.
- Teach children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- Inspect all candy before allowing children to eat it. Candy that has been opened should be thrown away. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Make sure costumes are fire retardant and try to use face paint rather than a mask. Masks can obstruct a child's vision and make breathing more difficult.
- Children should always walk on the sidewalk, never in the street. If there is not a sidewalk, children should walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. Always obey all traffic/pedestrian rules and cross at crosswalks.
- Watch open flames from jack-o-lanterns and candles as they can catch costumes and long wigs on fire.
- Make sure fake knives, swords, and guns are made from cardboard or other flexible materials to avoid accidental injury or having them mistaken for the real thing.

