

Manistee City Police Department

Halloween 2024

Thursday, October 31st

The Manistee City Police Department wants to ensure that all residents have a safe and fun Halloween experience this year. The recommended times for trick-or-treating in the City of Manistee are 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Here are important Halloween safety tips from the National Safety Council.

Costume Safety Tips:

- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks.
- Opt for nontoxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision; always test makeup in a small area first to see if any irritation develops.

Trick or Treater Safety tips:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you.
- Agree on a specific time children should return home.
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home. Don't eat candy until it has been inspected at home.
- Inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Motorist Safety Tips:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

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