

# CHIEF'S BRIEF

## Laguna Niguel Police Services

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Hello Laguna Niguel,

I come to you today with another Monthly Message to provide valuable insights into proactive safety measures and community services, ensuring you and your loved ones remain well-informed and safe.

As Halloween approaches, it's important to keep safety at the forefront, especially for parents or guardians with young trick-or-treaters. One of the most effective ways to ensure a children's safety while trick-or-treating, is by having them wear reflective clothing or equipping them with flashlights or glow sticks, which makes them more visible to drivers in the dark. Costumes should be both fun and safe, so consider bright colors or adding reflective tape if necessary. Additionally, ensure that children stay on well-lit paths and only approach homes with their porch lights on.

In addition to visibility, being cautious with the treats your children collect is vital. I strongly encourage parents to thoroughly inspect all candy and treats before allowing children to eat them. Look for any signs of tampering, such as loose, ripped, or punctured wrappers. Discard anything that seems suspicious, damaged, or open. It's also a good rule of thumb to avoid allowing your children to eat homemade treats unless they're from a trusted source, such as a close friend or family member. By taking a few extra minutes to check their candy, you help prevent potential risks, and ensure that your kids can enjoy their Halloween night in a safe and fun way.

For adults, it's equally important to stay alert and cautious on Halloween night. If you're driving, please be extra cautious, as there will naturally be many children and families out and about. Slow down, avoid distractions, and always yield to pedestrians. If you're attending any Halloween festivities, remember to lock your car and remove any valuables from plain sight to avoid theft. And most importantly, never drink and drive. Plan ahead by arranging for a designated driver or using a ride-share service. The same goes for your friends and family – don't let them get behind the wheel if they've been drinking. Your responsible choices could save lives.

To close, I want to assure you that my team and I remain committed to working closely with our community to ensure the safety and security of all residents.

Thank you for your continued partnership and always remember - **stay safe, Laguna Niguel.**

**Captain Isaac Flores,**  
**Chief of Laguna Niguel Police Services**