

Kentville Police Service presents:

Tips for a safe Halloween!

Covid 19 has changed a lot of things for every one this year, including Halloween. The Town of Kentville and Kentville Police Service members are asking people to be respectful of the decisions each other make around participating (or not) with their own families.

Some people are not comfortable having people/strangers (even youth) come to their doors due to a fear of virus spread. If this is you, TURN OFF all front facing outside lights on Halloween night. This can act as a very clear signal that you are not welcoming visitors right now, and will discourage kids from approaching your door. If someone does happen to knock, don't feel you need to answer.

Guidelines for Parents and Trick or Treaters:

- All children should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Costumes should not be restrictive, should not hinder the vision of the child, and should be clearly visible at night (costumes with light reflecting materials are highly recommended).
- Your children should be cautioned not to consume treats before they can be carefully inspected by parents.
- Homemade type treats and fruits/nuts should not be consumed unless parents know from where they came.
- Trick or Treating should be enjoyed in well lighted communities and only well lit homes should be approached. If folks have their outside lights turned off, they are likely not passing treats this year.
- Adults should carry flashlights and if possible children should also carry portable lighting of some type.
- All traffic rules for pedestrians should be followed. Motor vehicle traffic will increase in our communities during Halloween eve. Parents should be cautious as they move about with their children and we want to remind drivers to be on the look out for little ghosts and goblins.

Guidelines for those who pass out treats:

- Distributing homemade treats should be avoided. These types of treats will often be thrown out unless the parents know the provider.
- Ensure that your home is well lit for the children if you intend to pass out treats.
- Be wary of those who approach your home seeking monetary donations of any kind (including the sale of products). Halloween is not the time for this. If you cannot verify that the solicitation is legitimate, do not participate.

**HAVE A SAFE &
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

