



**Semper Safe**

# Halloween

It’s that time of year again; you know that Halloween is here with the costumes on display and candy on sale. In preparation for this Halloween, careful thought and planning should go into events you or your children may be participating in. Things such as a child's costume and how safe it may be for them as they excitedly rush about. There is also the hazard of vehicle traffic to pedestrians, young and old goblins need to be aware of their surroundings. Everyone needs to pay extra attention to safety on this special night. To make sure your Halloween outing is fun and safe follow these tips:

* Trick-or-treat hours on base are from 1700 to 2100, be extra cautious during these times.
* Watch for children darting out from between parked cars, enter/exit driveways slowly.
* If you are driving children, be sure they exit on the curb side, away from traffic.
* Make sure an adult will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
* Review safety precautions with your children, including pedestrian/traffic rules.
* Plan and discuss the route to follow and stop at houses that are well-lit, never enter a house.
* Purchase or use only fire-retardant materials for costumes.
* Falls are the leading cause of Halloween injuries, buy costumes that want cause you to trip.
* Use facial make-up, it’s safer than masks that obstruct vision, don't wear a mask while driving.
* Use flashlights so children can see and be seen by motorists, consider use of reflective materials.
* Knives, swords and other items should be made from cardboard or flexible materials.
* Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
* Report anything suspicious about treats to proper authorities; if in doubt, throw it out.

For you older goblins and gools going to parties or outings as well, many of these tips still apply. Don’t trick yourselves into getting injured, a DUI or worse, hurting someone else. Make sure you are prepared and use ORM or smart personal risk management to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

***As Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines we live by our ethos. So think before you jeopardize the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, Sailors, civilian employees or***

***family members, and remember***

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