

# RANCHO CORDOVA POLICE DEPARTMENT



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY

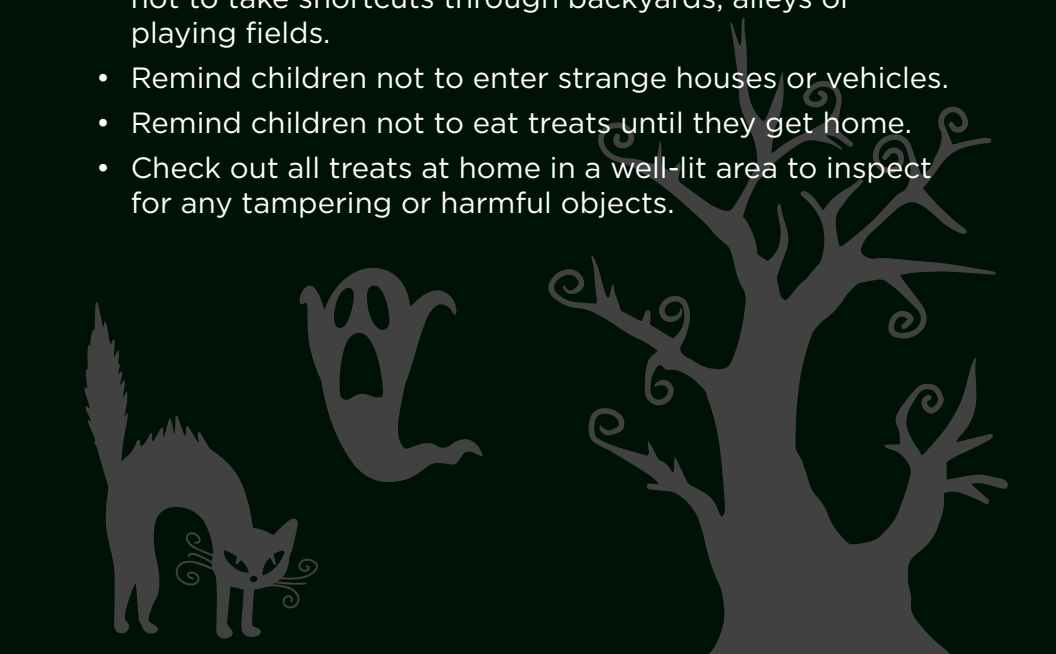
# TIPS



## HALLOWEEN

Halloween may be a fun holiday for children, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little scary. Concerns about children's safety, whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bountiful bags of goodies, can cast a spell on the evening's festivities.

## TRICK-OR-TREATING TIPS

- Make sure smaller children are accompanied by an adult.
  - Set a time for unaccompanied trick-or-treaters to return home.
  - Map out a safe route to trick-or-treat. Remind children not to take shortcuts through backyards, alleys or playing fields.
  - Remind children not to enter strange houses or vehicles.
  - Remind children not to eat treats until they get home.
  - Check out all treats at home in a well-lit area to inspect for any tampering or harmful objects.
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## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 - 9:30 PM, so be especially alert for children during those hours.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

## CONSIDER THIS:

Parents and children can avoid trick-or-treating troubles entirely by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contests, music, scary stories and much more. In addition, schools, museums and other organizations organize Halloween festivities for families in our community. Visit [CityofRanchoCordova.org/Events](http://CityofRanchoCordova.org/Events) for upcoming events.

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## “UN-HAUNTING” YOUR HOUSE & NEIGHBORHOOD TIPS

- Leave your porch lights on.
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors.
- Ask your Neighborhood Watch group to patrol the community.
- Get volunteers to help as crossing guards for trick-or-treaters to cross busy streets.
- Drive slowly throughout the neighborhoods.
- Report any and all criminal activity. To report a crime in progress or suspicious activity, call 911. To report a crime after the fact, please call our non-emergency number at 916.362.5115 and request an officer. An officer can then be dispatched to your location to file a report.



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