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Scared Safe!

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Sandy, UT – It is almost time for the spooks and haunts of Halloween, a time when safety is thrown to the monsters of the night as eager treasure hunters of candy hit the streets with their hearts set on tasty treats. Here are a few helpful hints to keep those little spooks and haunts safe so they can feast on their stash of treats.

To those who play the chauffer, remember to watch for the spooks and sprites that dart from between parked cars like ghosts in the night. Be especially careful while driving your beast to take it slow at the peak of the witching hours that fall between twilight and late in the eve. Remember, too, not all ghouls are dressed in bright costumes, but in dark tattered remains that once were clothes.

“Rules O’ Halloween”

- Don’t be entering homes without a guardian, yee know.
- Don’t be crossing yards and lawns, that could trip you up, hindering your collection of loot.
- Restrain the desire to run from house to house or you could end up silent as a mouse.
- If smart ye be, stick to the plank of concrete lest ye drowned in the street.
- Last but not least, keep your face to the beasts O’ gas to assure ye be seen.

To the savage protectors who watch over their kin, keep to the code that can bring them home again. Feed the wee ones before ye go, thus helping curb the lure of that notorious sweet tooth that yearns for a taste of those wonderful sweets. If there be apple or pear found in the loot, wash it top to bottom and slice it into tasty pieces of fruit. If a treasure of unknown origin or unrecognized mark be found, it be ok to throw it on out. Smart be the guardians that know the path that will lead their kin out and back. Costumes be fun when loose enough to have

warm garb on underneath. Bags used for the gathering of loot are best with bright colors and reflective tape to boot. Sticks that glow or shine help keep the wee ones on time. The dreaded weapons that come out this night should not be sharp or pointy, but flexible and rubbery to bounce off the creatures of this night. Arrrrg, the pin, the pin, it can be said is mightier than the sword, especially when used to fasten important information within the costume — name, address and phone number are great if a kin is separated from the clan. Masks transform the fair to horrific, a terrible sight it be, but worse if the one inside can't see. If this be the case, then face-paint may work in place of the mask that keeps them from seeing the dangers that be.

May your Halloween be safe.

Halloween Quick Tips

- Make sure that an adult or an older, responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your youngsters not to eat any treats until they return home.
- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children visible.
- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.