

HALLOWEEN

NEWS RELEASE
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The Sterling Police, Rock Falls Police and the Whiteside County Sheriff's Office are encouraging all youngsters in their cities and county to Trick-or-Treat on:

Monday, October 31, 2011

Parents are advised that the hours of trick-or-treating have been designated for **4:30 PM to 7:00 PM**. Parents should instruct their children that trick-or-treating is only allowed at the homes, which have the lights on inviting the children for a treat.

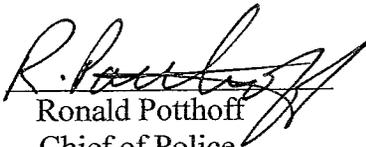
Parents are urged to accompany their children. Parents should also know their child's routes, plans and their companions. Parents are reminded that they are responsible for the behavior of their children.

The following are some **HALLOWEEN SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**:

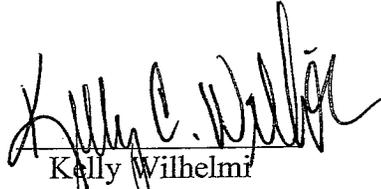
1. Wear light-colored clothing that is short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective material.
2. Make sure your children can see well through their facemasks.
3. ACCOMPANY your children.
4. Go out in the daylight.
5. Carry a flashlight.
6. Watch for traffic.
7. Stay in your own neighborhood and visit only homes you know.
8. Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy.
9. Examine your child's candy before allowing them to eat it.
10. Drivers are requested to drive at 5 MPH below the Speed Limit.

If you should discover anything wrong with the treats brought home, **CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY** so that other persons can be warned and the responsible person arrested.

Your safety is our concern. Please help our children have a safe and enjoyable evening. Please, always drive safely especially on Halloween


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