



City of Red Bluff POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Public Service Announcement



The Red Bluff Police Department is gearing up for Halloween. This year Halloween is on a Monday and extra personnel is scheduled.

The Red Bluff Police Department wants all residents to enjoy the festivities that are associated with Halloween. Therefore, we are taking this opportunity to remind everyone of some simple safety tips that will assist you, along with your children, in staying safe.

Trick or Treating:

- A parent or adult should accompany children while they are trick or treating.
- If an older child goes out with friends, remember there is safety in numbers and always be aware of the route your child will be walking.
- Only visit households with porch lights on.
- Never, under any circumstances, enter someone's home that you don't know.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries along with a cellular telephone.
- Choose neighborhoods with overhead street lights and sidewalks if possible. When possible, cross the street with a group of people. Wait until all vehicles at an intersection are stopped, never assume a driver sees you.
- Cross streets at intersections or in marked crosswalks. Motorists should use caution when traversing neighborhood surface streets and watch for children darting into the roadway.
- Wear costumes that fit properly. Remember, light colored costumes are more visible during darkness. If possible, add reflective material to the costume or carry a reflective treat bag.
- A parent or an adult should inspect all candy prior to being consumed. Suspicious or unwrapped candy should be disposed of immediately.
- Explain to your children the consequences of vandalism that are sometimes associated with Halloween (throwing eggs at residences/ vehicles and "pumpkin bashing"). These are criminal acts and will not be tolerated by the citizens or the police department.

Home Safety:

- Remove all tripping hazards from sidewalks and porches (leaves, garden hoses, children's toys etc.).
- Check outdoor lighting.
- Restrain your pets. Some dogs enjoy visitors as much as we do; however, dogs may jump or bite children unexpectedly.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or see suspicious activity during Halloween, you are encouraged to call the Red Bluff Police Department at (530) 527-3131.