

# HEADLINES

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## Trick-or-Treat in Rock Island

Halloween is **Monday October 31** and **Trick-or-Treat hours will be observed in Rock Island from 5:00p.m. to 8:00 pm.** on the 31<sup>st</sup>. For a listing of additional Halloween Activities in Rock Island, including "Fright Night" and "Trunk-or-Treat," visit the City's [website calendar](#).



**Have a Happy and Safe Halloween! Here are some safety tips to remember as you're out and about Halloween night:**

- Help your child select a costume that is safe. Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure it is fire proof and that any eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision.
- If you have jack-o-lanterns on your porch that are lit with candles, make sure they are far enough away so that kids costumes will not be accidentally set on fire.
- If your child is carrying a prop such as a scythe, plastic knife, or pitchfork, ensure that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check the candy for them.
- Teaching your kids basic everyday safety, such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets, and crossing when the lights tell you to will help make them safer while out Trick-or-Treating.
- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. If you can't go with them, it is best to see if another parent or teen-aged sibling can go along. Know what other activities your child may be attending, such as parties, schools, or other community functions.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.