



**GASTON COUNTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT
HALLOWEEN
SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**



The Gaston County Police Department has compiled a list of safety precautions to consider while preparing to celebrate a safe and happy Halloween:

- * Use flame resistant costumes. Make sure all costumes and accessories are made of flame resistant material. Commercially manufactured costumes and accessories should be labeled flame resistant.
- * Make sure costumes are brightly colored or at least have reflective markings to make them visible to motorists. Reflective tape can be used to trim costumes and treat bags.
- * Costumes should fit properly to avoid the occasion of tripping and falling. If using a mask, make sure it fits properly and holes large enough for mouth and eyes.
- * When using a toy firearm with a costume, make sure the toy gun has an orange tip on the end of the barrel.
- * Have children carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- * Parents should accompany children, especially small children, while they are trick or treating.
- * Give and accept wrapped or packaged candy only.
- * Children should only accept treats from people they know.
- * Warn children to have an adult examine all treats before they are eaten.

This information is available as a video announcement on the Government Access Channel 16.

For further information, contact Captain W. S. Melton, Gaston County Police Department, 704-866-3320.