



After 8 is too Late! Halloween Safety Tips



Please trick or treat before 8:00 p.m.

8 Reasons after 8 is too late:

- 1.** By going out before 8:00 p.m. **children are safer and more visible** to drivers and other pedestrians. CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) indicates that the risk for childhood pedestrian deaths and injuries is higher on Halloween evening when compared with all other evenings.
- 2.** Children want to get as many treats as possible, so in going from house to house children are likely to cross mid-street rather than at intersections with stop signs and traffic signals in place. Daylight helps to **decrease chances of pedestrian-vehicle accidents**; going out before 8:00 p.m. will help to further decrease that chance!
- 3.** Older children tend to trick or treat later in the evening and are likely not supervised by adults; going out before 8:00 p.m. may be a **more enjoyable experience** for younger children!
- 4.** Giving out treats before 8:00 p.m. is **safer for those giving out treats**; turn off your porch light at 8:00 p.m. to deter people from approaching your house for treats.
- 5.** Darkness makes it difficult for children and adults to notice **other risks such as animals, slippery leaves, fences, toys, and other items** left in the yard.
- 6.** Not everyone is out to have clean fun on Halloween—**some are out for mischief**, which tends to occur in the later evening hours.
- 7.** The **Candy Crawl is on Monday, October 31** from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Downtown Concord! You don't want to miss this early and free event!
- 8.** You can get home in time to **enjoy some of your Halloween loot and a ghost story or scary movie!**