



Communiqué

Happy Halloween

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Camborne, ON – Happy Halloween

Ghosts, witches, and goblins will wander the roads on Halloween for their annual trick-or-treating rituals, and extra care should be taken to ensure that the festivities don't become truly frightening. The scary reality is that Halloween is one of the deadliest days or nights of the year for pedestrians, especially children. But there are steps that parents and motorists can take to reduce the risks.

Halloween brings out children of all ages walking along and crossing streets, so it's important for them to know about being aware and staying safe.

Trick or Treaters Tips

- Parents should accompany children if they are younger than 12 years old.
- Children should stay on sidewalks or paved shoulders instead of walking between cars or on lawns, where there could be ornaments or wires that could be a tripping hazard.
- Remind children to look for cars when walking by a driveway.
- Consider a costume that is a lighter color and more visible to motorists. Add reflective material front and back; it can even be part of the design.
- If children are walking in the dark, give them a flashlight so they can be seen by drivers. Glow sticks can further aid visibility.

Drivers Tips

Halloween can be especially difficult for drivers, with children being unpredictable and sometimes hard to see after dark.

- Drive slowly in and around neighborhoods and residential streets.
- Watch for children who may dart out into the street, and always yield to pedestrians. Where there is one person, there are likely to be others ready to cross.
- If you're driving children around for trick or treating, make sure they are buckled up appropriately in a child safety seat or vehicle seat belt. Do this each and every time they enter the car, and check before driving to the next stop.
- Pull over to safe locations to let children exit curbside, away from traffic. Use your hazard lights to alert other drivers of your car and to exercise caution.
- Try to park in a spot where you won't need to back up. But if you must, have an adult outside to make sure no children are in the way.

By being cautious and mindful of safety this Halloween, you can make sure the holiday is a treat for all.

Hamilton Township

If you have an emergency situation, please call 911. The Township of Hamilton Fire Department officials will be in the community and Public Works will be available to respond to any road problems, should they arise.

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