



HALLOWEEN IN READING



The Town of Reading recognizes **Wednesday, October 31st** as Halloween/Trick or Treat Night. The Town of Reading does not have an official start time for Trick or Treating. Individual neighborhoods and blocks typically establish their own start time.

The Reading Recreation Division would like to remind parents and children of a few safety tips to make this Halloween a safe one. These tips are courtesy of the National Safety Council. More information can be found at their website:

http://www.nsc.org/safety_home/SafetyObservances/Pages/AutumnSafety.aspx

Before children start out on their "Trick or Treat" rounds, parents should:

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and **never** to enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Tell your children not to eat any treat until they return home.

Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules. Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the child gets separated from the group.

