



Conewago Township Police Department

Adams County

541 Oxford Avenue
Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331

Telephone (717) 637-7361
Facsimile (717) 637-6833

As another summer has come and gone, we turn our attentions to cooler weather activities, like Friday night high school and Saturday college football games, evenings around a fire, and indeed drives in the country checking out the changing of the leaves. Of course, with fall comes trick-or-treat night, and this year Conewago Township will be holding its annual giving of the sweet treat night on October 26, 2021, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

As with any activity where one might enthusiastically dash from house to house in search of some decadent confection of excellence, it is best to have a few tips to protect oneself from harm, beyond, of course, the trip to the dentist.

If you are not accompanying your children on trick-or-treat night, and or if they are traveling in groups, it is recommended that a responsible person be present to monitor their movements from house to house. It must be noted that, on average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween as on any other day of the year.

Top Safety Tips for Halloween:

- Carry glow sticks or flashlights, use reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags. Wear light colors, if possible, to increase their visibility to drivers.
- Join the kids on their trick or treat route.
- Stay in groups and communicate where you'll be trick or treating.
- Carry a cellular phone for emergencies.
- Select well-lit streets and use the sidewalks and crosswalks.

If you are driving on Oct. 26th between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm SLOW DOWN and BE ALERT! Kids are excited on Halloween and may dart into the roadway. Use your headlights even before it's necessary to increase the likelihood that you'll see the children, and they'll see you.

Remind kids to cross the street at corners and crosswalks. SAVES Fire Department will be assisting with traffic control at certain intersections.

When selecting a costume, make sure it's the right size to prevent trips and falls. Choose face paint over a mask, if possible. A mask can severely limit a child's field of view.

We hope these tips are helpful and allow for a fun-filled trick-or-treat night and a Happy Halloween.

Sincerely,
Gary L. Baumgardner - Chief of Police