



BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Halloween Trick or Treat Hours; 5pm-8pm

Bloomington, IL - The City of Bloomington's trick-or-treat hours have been set for Sunday, October 31, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Chief Jamal Simington said, "Let us join as a community to ensure trick-or-treaters have a fun, but safe time in the City of Bloomington. Officers will be present in neighborhoods during trick-or-treat hours for extra presence." For those wishing to participate in Halloween activities, the City recommends following the [Illinois Department of Public Health's Halloween Celebrations Guide](#).

Please consider these Halloween tips to help keep children and families safe:

- Trick-or-treat during designated hours and only go to those homes that have a porch light on to welcome trick-or-treaters.
- Carry a flashlight to light the way on streets and sidewalks. A flashlight or glow sticks will also help illuminate children for motor vehicles.
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Homeowners should make sure that pets are secured; so the animals do not frighten, attack, or bite trick-or-treaters.
- Children should be instructed to **NEVER** enter the home of someone they do not know.
- Any observed suspicious activity or tainted candy should be reported to police immediately (BPD Dispatch 309-820-8888, for emergencies call 911).
- Children should be instructed to not eat candy until it has been inspected by an adult.

Drivers:

- Drive slowly, anticipate pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Slow down and be especially alert in residential areas. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for children at intersections, on medians and on curbs and behind landscaping

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