



# Chatham Borough Police Department

## Traffic Safety Unit



Halloween is a fun time for children and adults to dress up in mid fall and explore Downtown Chatham as well as historical neighborhoods. As we all prepare for the upcoming Halloween season, please take a few minutes to read some simple rules to help keep everyone safe.

### **Costume Safety**

Children should:

- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame-retardant; wear short clothing that prevents tripping.
- Wear sneakers or comfortable shoes.
- Use face paint (non-toxic, hypoallergenic) and avoid masks - especially if the eye holes obstruct the child's vision.
- See well through facemasks, or use make-up.
- Don't wear floppy hats or wigs that slide over the eyes. Also, children should not wear long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes.
- Avoid toy weapons - if desired, use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.
- Stay away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.

### **Pedestrian Safety**

- Children should stay within familiar areas and surroundings. Parents should establish a route for children.
- Children should use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Children should cross **the street at corners / crosswalks** and not between parked cars.
- Motorists should drive slowly and watch carefully for children.