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**Media Advisory:**

Halloween is a fun time for grown ups and children alike. Because of the excitement in the air, it sometimes makes us forget to be careful. Simple common sense can go a long way and it also gives you a chance to reinforce safety rules. Take this opportunity to review safety rules with your children.

Always have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat any candy that is already opened. Remember, small hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

- **STOP** at the curb before entering streets
- **LOOK** left-right-left for moving cars
- **WAIT** for the proper traffic signals AND be sure the street is clear, even then keep looking for cars.
- **WALK**; don't run when crossing the street. Use sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks walk on the side facing traffic.
- **STAY AWAY** from parked cars and don't run between them.
- **DO NOT** enter a stranger's car.
- **WATCH** to see if a car is getting ready to move (motor on, rear lights, exhaust smoke, wheels turning, person in the car)
- **KNOW** the area. Research the area you plan to trick-or-treat at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Sexual Offender and Predator website at [www.offender.fdle.state.fl.us](http://www.offender.fdle.state.fl.us).