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Halloween Pedestrian Safety Message **Look Out for Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween**

Goleta - Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids, but it can be a scary night to be a pedestrian. Research shows that Halloween is one of the deadliest days of the year for pedestrians, especially children. While trick-or-treating with your little goblins this year, consider the following pedestrian and driver safety tips:

- Children, especially under 12, should only trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult. Remind children to look for cars while crossing driveways.
- Consider trick-or-treating before it is truly dark, especially with young children.
- Whenever possible, walk on a sidewalk. If no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic as far to the side of the road as possible.
- Follow the rules of the road at driveways and intersections. Cross with a traffic signal if there is one and even if you have the right-of-way, make sure traffic has stopped or passed before you step into the street.
- Be visible! Consider carrying a flashlight, wearing reflective clothing or even a small flashing strobe light.
- Drivers should SLOW DOWN and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Remember that children are excited on Halloween night and may walk or run in unpredictable ways.
- Don't use a cell phone or other mobile device while driving and NEVER drink and drive, no matter what time of year it is. If you suspect a motorist is impaired, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.

Sheriff's Office motorcycle officers will be providing extra patrols in the City of Goleta on Halloween night. Together we can make this a happy, and safe, Halloween!

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office contracts with the City of Goleta for police services.