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Trick or treat hours, safety tips offered

Official Halloween trick or treat hours for the Village of Oak Park are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 31. Oak Park residents are encouraged to take their children out during this time only in order to ensure safety throughout the Village.

The Oak Park Department of Public Health would also like to caution parents to take extra care this Halloween both while trick or treating, as well as after children arrive home. The following tips from will help to keep you and your family safe this Halloween:

Parents

- Children should be accompanied by an adult
- Make sure children eat dinner before trick or treating
- Have children who may be going with friends carry a cell phone
- If children are going with friends, have them wear a watch
- Buy a flame retardant costume
- Inspect your child's candy for tampering – discard any suspicious candy
- Know where your children are going trick or treating
- When driving on Halloween, drive slowly and watch for pedestrians

Children

- Always go trick or treating with an adult; never go alone
- Plan your route and make sure your family knows about it
- Wear a flame retardant costume
- Let your parents check your candy before you eat it
- Never enter a stranger's house
- Visit only houses where lights are on
- Walk on sidewalks and driveways
- Cross the street at a corner or crosswalk
- Carry a flashlight

For more safety tips, contact the Oak Park Department of Public Health at 708.358.5480, e-mail health@oak-park.us or visit us on the web at www.oak-park.us/health.

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