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The San Francisco Police Department wants everyone to have a fun Halloween and offers the following safety tips to make your holiday safer.

Tips for Parents and Trick-or-Treaters:

- Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

- Use sidewalks.
- Look both ways before crossing and use cross walks.
- Use reflective tape on costumes or carry and use a flashlight.
- To reduce the risk of trips and falls, avoid masks or costumes that limit your vision and movement.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards or tampering and only eat factory wrapped treats.

Tips for Motorists:

- Watch out for children.
- Obey traffic signs and signals. Reduce your speed, especially in residential areas where children are likely to be present.
- Trick-or-Treaters may not pay attention to traffic; be prepared to stop if someone darts out midblock or from between parked cars.
- Don't text and drive and avoid being distracted by electronic devices.

In addition, Northern Station Police Officers will be monitoring Avila Street between Chestnut and Francisco Streets in the City's Marina District Saturday afternoon to facilitate safe trick-or-treating for the large number of children that are expected to be out.

As a reminder to the public, there is no City Halloween event in the Castro or any other neighborhood. If you celebrate, please do so responsibly. San Francisco has many modes of public transit including BART, Muni, taxis and "rideshare" services. Don't drink and drive! Consuming alcoholic beverages and possession of open alcoholic beverages containers on streets and sidewalks is prohibited by law. San Francisco Police Officers will be on the lookout for impaired drivers and other alcohol related violations.

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