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## COMMUNITY ADVISORY

### “KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN”

With Halloween fast approaching, the Miami Beach Police Department would like to remind parents of some of the do’s and don’ts of personal safety when you take your little “ghosts and goblins” out trick-or-treating.

The safest way to celebrate Halloween is to participate in organized events or parties. For those who want to observe Halloween in the more traditional manner, the Miami Beach Police Department suggests the following safety tips:

- Children should wear light colored costumes short enough to prevent tripping. Reflective tape can be added to costumes to enhance visibility.
- Your child should be able to see properly through a mask.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult at all times, should stay within their neighborhood, and only visit homes of people they know.
- Carry a flashlight after sunset.
- Examine all candy and treats before allowing your child to eat them. If anything appears to be tampered with, throw it away.
- Keep costumed children away from pets since animals might panic and not recognize the child.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords; foam rubber is a good substitute.

In keeping with our mission to provide policing excellence, the Department will have **“enhanced staffing”** throughout all of the City during Trick and Treat hours for the little ones, and throughout the evening on Lincoln Road and Entertainment Districts for the adults. Miami Beach Police Officers will also be handing out candy.