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SAFETY FUNNY OF THE MONTH



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Have a Safe and Spooky Halloween

Halloween is a frighteningly fun time of year for children and adults alike. But it can also be dreadfully dangerous if safety is spirited away. Risks associated with costumes, decorations, and trick-or-treating can be reduced or eliminated by following these tips.

Halloween Costume Safety

- * Choose fire-resistant costumes, wigs and accessories.
- * Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags.
- * Choose nontoxic makeup over vision-obscuring masks.
- * Ensure costume length does not create a trip hazard.

Halloween Decorations

- * Instead of candles, use LED lights in pumpkins.
- * Supervise young children during pumpkin carving.
- * Keep exit routes free of decorations and trip hazards.
- * Ensure trick-or-treat path is clear and well-lit.
- * Do not overload circuits for Halloween displays.

Safety Tips for Motorist on Halloween

- * Watch for children walking on roadways and curbs.
- * Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- * Slow down and avoid cell phones and other distractions.



Trick or Treating on Fort Hood

Fort Hood has designated the hours of 6pm to 8pm on October 31st for trick or treat activities to take place in family housing areas. The Directorate of Emergency Services will increase police presence during this time; however, motorists must be vigilant in slowing down and closely watching for children during this time.

Units and agencies must get approval from the Fort Hood Fire Department prior to operating haunted houses.

ASOHMS Corner: Fire Prevention Month

October is National Fire Safety Month sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This year's theme is "Charge into Fire Safety" and focuses on lithium-ion batteries in the home. The campaign aims to educate the public on how to safely buy, charge, and dispose of lithium-ion batteries, which can be found in many common household electronics and can pose fire risks if not handled correctly. These batteries can be found in cell phones, laptops, tablets, cordless tools, robot vacuums, e-scooters and e-bikes, and even larger items like cordless lawnmowers, snowblowers, and home energy storage systems for solar panels. They are even in some children's toys and other small electronics.

The NFPA advises the following:

- 1. Buy only listed products, such as UL (Underwriter's Laboratory), etc.
- Charge devices safely using the charging cords that came with the product and follow manufacturer's instructions carefully. Don't overcharge your device; unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.
- Recycle batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash
 or regular recycle bins because they could start a fire. Visit <u>call2recycle.org</u>
 to find a recycling spot near you.





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