

Caution the key to a safe Halloween

FRANKFORT, KY (Oct. 21, 1994) - Lots of eager, pumped-up kids out walking at night. Most wearing masks that slip and slide so that vision comes and goes. Many wearing long costumes that are easy to get wrapped up in or caught on something. Some venturing into unknown neighborhoods, trekking through dark yards.

Terry Weesol, manager of the Department for Health Services product safety branch, says the number one precaution for trick-or-treaters is adult supervision for young children and group protection for older kids.

The very nature of Halloween is an invitation for someone to get hurt, so health and safety officials are reminding parents and kids of some simple precautions that can keep Halloween from turning into a real nightmare.

"For the most part, Halloween is a festival for young children," he said. "But to make sure it's fun for them, they need adult assistance while trick-or-treating, plus afterwards when going through their candy."

"Most older children insist on going by themselves, but they do need to be in small groups for safety reasons."

Weesol says the following tips can prevent Halloween mishaps:

"Before leaving home, children of all ages should be reminded of everyday safety precautions—don't run between parked cars; don't talk to strangers or accept rides from them; stay away from high-traffic areas and strange neighborhoods; and do not walk through lawns but use side-walks instead."

"Parents should try to notice the treats given at each home in case there's a question later about the safety of a particular item."

"Children should not eat candy before parents have checked each piece for signs of tampering, such as puncture holes in wrappers or candy that has been unwrapped and repackaged. Suspect items should be reported to police. Homemade treats or fresh fruit from strangers should be discarded."

"Avoid costumes longer than ankle-length and those with long, billowing sleeves and hems. Shoes should be comfortable and easy to walk in. Wigs, masks and costumes should be made of flame-retardant materials."

"Costumes should be light-colored to be easily seen at night. Both costumes and sacks should be decorated with reflective 'glow-in-the-dark' tape. If masks are worn, eye-holes should be large enough to allow good vision. Make-up is a safer and more creative disguise."

"The best safety precaution of all is a group Halloween party. Parents who are looking for a good, fun option to door-to-door trick-or-treating might consider driving a Halloween party," Weesol said. "Several families from a neighborhood or school class might get together and have a group celebration."

"For more information of Halloween safety, contact Weesol at the Product Safety Branch, Department for Health Services, 275 E. Main St., Frankfort, KY 40621. His telephone number is (502)664-7373."

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GENERAL NEWS

Dale...Continued from Page 1...Nicholas County Board of Education, explained Dale, whose committee and board members representing District 2 for the past year, he took the post when elected Nov. 3, 1993. Before school board, Dale was a member of the Nicholas County Elementary School Site Based Decision Making Council. One thing Dale made clear to The Mercury, "I have no intention of leaving Nicholas County. I was born here and raised in Nicholas County. This is my home. I want to be where my children are living and going to school. The attainment of school facilities is an area where Dale would like to lead a voice. He realizes the high school is in need of more classroom space. As board member, he is part of the membership which decides how to spend the district's school funds. Although Site Based Councils have some monies to allot, it is the board of education which directs the funding in the first place. It is also up to the board to make decisions concerning new facilities - whether the district is to construct additional or a new school, Dale explained. The current board goal is to get the facilities committee in place as some sort of facility can be implemented in 1996. Nicholas County High School is in need of classroom space. The reason for that isn't an influx of students - it's the mandate of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA). "If we'd showed student growth in the last four years, the state would help us," Dale said. According to Dale, the Kentucky Department of Education won't allow the school district to have bonding potential and that's the biggest hold-up. They won't be able to start any project. When we asked, they kept denying us."

Free-lected, personal goal is to work with the facilities committee and board members and superintendent and com- don't see why we can't get something started."

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Caboose arrangements being made
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