



"SAFE FRIDAY HALLOWEEN"

As the Police Chiefs of Glenville and Scotia, we are asking for your assistance in making this Halloween, a **"SAFE FRIDAY HALLOWEEN"**.

Every year throughout the Town and Village, many of our children enjoy the tradition of trick-or-treating on Halloween evening. Unfortunately, each year there are incidents that mar the evening for some children and residents. While these incidents are caused proportionately by only a small number of older youth, the impact of the vandalism, litter and disruptive behavior adversely affects the quality of life in the whole neighborhood.

Keeping this in mind, we are asking that all residents **celebrate Halloween between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025.** We would ask that children complete their "Trick or Treating" and that residents turn off their front porch lights at 8 p.m.

We would appreciate it if each parent would spend a few minutes with their child(ren) and impress upon them that Halloween is not an excuse to become involved in criminal activity. One night of so-called "fun" can quickly get out of hand and result in personal injury or an arrest.

Only with your cooperation and support of **"SAFE FRIDAY HALLOWEEN"** will all of our children and residents be able to enjoy this evening. If you witness groups congregating in the Town of Glenville or in the Village of Scotia, please call (518) 630-0911 (non-emergency number). In any **EMERGENCY**, dial 9-1-1.

We have attached a list of **"SAFE FRIDAY HALLOWEEN"** tips for the parents of younger children.

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TIPS FOR A “SAFE FRIDAY HALLOWEEN”

- Try to have your children trick-or-treat when it is still light outside.
- If your children will be out during dusk or after dark, have them carry a flashlight and use reflective tape on their costumes so they can see and be seen.
- Plan your children’s route with them ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- Accompany your children or have an older sibling or other adult stay with them.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes your children know.
- Costumes should be worn so that is easy for the children to walk in.
- A facemask will keep your children from seeing well. Consider the use of makeup instead. If your children must wear a mask, instruct them to remove it before crossing the street.
- Have your children cross at corners and not in the middle of the street between parked cars.
- If there is no sidewalk, have your children walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Instruct your children not to eat any of the candy they collect until they arrive home so that you can check it with them.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pets may not recognize the children and become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible.

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