From the Battle Creek Police Department

- 1. Don't let kids trick or treat alone. Be sure older children take a friend, and that an adult accompanies younger children.
- 2. Accompany young kids to the door of every house they approach.
- 3. Be sure parents are familiar with every house from which children receive treats.
- 4. Tell children they should not enter any home without permission from their parents.
- 5. Tell children to not approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.
- 6. Make sure kids carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing.
- 7. When using masks, be sure kids can see and breathe easily.
- 8. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- 9. Tell kids to never approach a house that is not well lit and does not have a porch/outside light on.
- 10. Tell kids to try and remember anything they see that seems suspicious and report it to their parents, or call 911.
- 11. Teach kids to scream and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them and/or force them, in any way, to go with them.
- 12. Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that is open, not wrapped, or appears to have been tampered with.
- 13. A good alternative to trick-or-treating is an organized party at home or school, or community events, like the BCPD Trunk or Treat on Halloween evening.

