



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA POLICE

CHIEF'S CORNER

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Halloween is one of the most fun nights of the year, but with so many of our younger residents out on the streets it's important to keep a number of safety tips in mind.

- Please accompany younger children trick-or-treating.
- If your children are older, review their planned route and set a time to return home. Advise them to stay with their friends in well-lit areas.
- Remind your child never to enter the home of someone they don't know.
- Ask your child not to eat treats before they return home.
- Ask them to walk, and not run, across streets.
- If you're driving, be aware that more pedestrians will be out in areas you may not normally see them. Be observant and adhere to speed limits.
- Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the steering wheel.
- Take extra caution around parked cars.
- If an older child is a new or inexperienced driver, ask them to stay off the road.
- Parents and children should put their electronic devices down. Keep your head up!

Finally, we remind adults that social host liability laws may hold you responsible for parties where underage



people drink, regardless of who furnishes the alcohol. You could be held legally accountable for your guests' behavior after they leave.

The Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Department wishes the community a safe and happy Halloween!

As always, **call 911 in an emergency.** We're here to help.



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