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With the fall season upon us, children will be enjoying the annual Halloween festivities in late October.

To keep our children safe in the community during this festival time, the Greenwich Police Department and the National Confectioners Association would like to offer some safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and an enjoyable one:

- Parents should make sure children wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping with reflective material on the front and back of the costume.
- Parents should make sure children can see well through their face masks, or use other face creations through the use of cosmetics.
- Parents should examine all candy before allowing their children to eat it.
- Adults should accompany young children.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Children should be watchful of vehicular traffic while walking, and use the sidewalks when appropriate.

- Children should only accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- Children wearing costumes should be kept away from pets, as the animal may not recognize the child and become alarmed.

- Children should avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers and swords. Foam rubber, which is soft and flexible, can be substituted for such weapons.

Parents with concerns over possible candy tampering should contact the Greenwich Police Department at 203-622-8003.