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## Guidelines for a Safe and Healthy Halloween

The Town of Atkinson has set **Saturday evening October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm** as the traditional 'Trick-Or-Treat' time for the families in our community. The Police Department will have extra personnel patrolling the roadways during these hours and offers the following safety recommendations to help assure a safe and healthy evening:

- Utilize all COVID-19 precautions; distance, face coverings and carry hand sanitizer, staying home if not feeling well.
- Avoid large gatherings especially indoors or open garage settings.
- Trick-Or-Treat in small groups, preferably with family or close friends, school pod classmates.
- Wear bright colored, reflective clothing, carrying a flashlight or glow stick.
- Stay in and close to your neighborhood.
- Walk in the same direction; on the left-hand side of the road, facing traffic, utilizing shoulders/sidewalks etc... Crossing only when safe to do so. In cul de sacs move clockwise.
- Phones down, heads up.
- When approaching a residence that has its lights on, wait until the steps, walkway, entryways are clear of others before approaching.
- Candy/Treat givers should not use bowls or buckets and avoid hand to hand delivery opting for a tray or table where items can be spread out. Stand inside the doorway or on opposite sides of the table and have hand sanitizer available.
- Residents who do not want to participate should keep their outside lights off during this time period and could place a sign up indicating they are not participating this year.
- Motorists need to slow down and stay alert especially after dark. Watch for children in the street.

Should you have questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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