

Citizens Reminded to Celebrate Safely This Halloween

“Halloween is generally an entertaining holiday to dress up and have fun with family and friends,” said Solobay. “But not paying attention can be dangerous, and nobody wants to look back and think ‘Nobody would have been hurt if only we’d been more careful’.”

Solobay said children should use glow sticks or flashlights so drivers can see them, and they should always be accompanied by an adult while trick or treating. Adults should stay engaged with the kids they’re with and not allow themselves to be distracted by a cell phone or other electronic device. Only cross the street at a crosswalk or at the corner, never in the middle of the block.

Solobay also suggested using makeup and face paint for little ones rather than a mask, which can block a child’s vision and make it hard for them to see obstacles or other dangers in their path.

All costumes should be properly sized to avoid tripping or falling.

Drivers should take steps to eliminate distractions in their vehicles so they can fully focus on driving and staying alert for children, who can move erratically or unpredictably when excited. Drive slowly, and use extra caution when entering and exiting driveways.