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VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Issues Safety Tips for a Happy Halloween



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is wishing Floridians a safe and happy Halloween. As Floridians get ready to go trick-or-treating or attend a Halloween party, Attorney General Moody is issuing tips to make the night a little less spooky.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Halloween is an exciting time for many—from dressing up as your favorite character to distributing candy. As a mother, I know that parents want their kids to have fun, but also be safe on Halloween. That is why I am issuing tips to help Floridians enjoy a night of all treats and no tricks!"

Attorney General Moody offers the following Halloween safety tips:

- Examine Treats Carefully: Before digging in, check candy for any tampering or unusual packaging—toss out anything that looks suspicious;
- Stay Visible: Make sure drivers can easily see costumes by making the costumes bright or reflective. Carry flashlights or glowsticks for extra visibility;

- **Beware of Traffic:** Look both ways before crossing streets and stick to well-lit, populated areas:
- Stay in Familiar Neighborhoods: Trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods and always travel in groups; and
- Plan Ahead for Rides: If attending a party, arrange for a designated driver, use a rideshare service or plan to stay the night.

Parents and guardians can visit <u>FLSexOffender.net</u> to see a list of all registered sex offenders and predators on trick-or-treat routes. <u>Florida law</u> prohibits sex offenders from distributing candy or other items to children on Halloween.

For additional tips on how to further protect your children, click here.

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