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## **Trick-or-treat Observance Date, Time and Safety Tips**

**CLEVELAND**—Trick-or-treat will be observed in the City of Cleveland on Saturday, October 31, 2015 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. On Friday, October 30, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm the City of Cleveland will host “Big City Boo” in each of the city’s 22 recreation centers. This annual event provides a safe alternative to trick-or-treating for Cleveland children. Parents, guardians, and caregivers can take their children, 12 and under, to the city’s recreation centers for games, contests, and other family friendly activities plus Halloween treats.

### **Listed below are recommendations for a safe Halloween:**

1. Adults should accompany young children - older children should travel in groups.
2. Children should wear light colored clothing short enough to prevent tripping.
3. Add reflective tape to increase visibility.
4. Make sure children can see through their masks or use make-up.
5. Avoid hard plastic or wooden props such as daggers or swords – instead use foam or other soft and flexible materials.
6. Carry and use a flashlight after dark.
7. Visit homes within your own neighborhood – homes that you know with lights on.
8. Never go into deserted buildings or isolated areas.
9. Avoid shortcuts through empty parks, fields, or alleys.
10. Be alert for vehicle traffic; never approach a parked car; move away from a car that pulls up next to you.
11. If someone is following you, go quickly to the nearest occupied public place (mall, store, recreation center, gas station, fire station etc.) and scream for help.
12. Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
13. Parents should examine all candy before allowing children to eat it and report anything suspicious to the police.
14. Keep costumed children away from pets who may become frightened.