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**LADOT ANNOUNCES SAFETY GUIDELINES
FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS ON HALLOWEEN**

LOS ANGELES - The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) wants to remind parents that Halloween is a great time to teach children about pedestrian and traffic safety. We also want to remind drivers that pedestrian safety is their responsibility too and they should drive carefully especially when children are present.

Parents and other adults can help kids by demonstrating safe pedestrian behavior this Halloween.

LADOT has issued simple guidelines to help safeguard children on Halloween night and whenever they walk in their neighborhoods at night.

1. Drivers: Watch out for our littlest Angelenos
2. Adults should accompany children and follow and teach safety guidelines
3. Carry a flashlight
4. Cross streets only at intersections and walk within crosswalks whenever possible - never cross in the middle of a block or between parked cars
5. Look both ways when crossing the street as well as driveways
6. Walk in well lit areas whenever possible
7. Wear bright costumes if possible or use reflective tape on clothes and treat bags so that drivers can see you
8. Choose costumes that are flame-retardant
9. Remove masks that limit vision before crossing streets
10. Be safe, be smart, have fun

"We want to remind everyone to drive safely and be alert, especially in residential neighborhoods so that children and families out walking together can have a safe and happy Halloween," said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds.

For more information about pedestrian safety, visit LADOT's website at <http://ladot.lacity.org/WhatWeDo/Safety/PedestrianSafety/index.htm> .

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