

# Keep your community safe this Halloween



Halloween can be scary for people who are elderly, vulnerable or live alone. This can mean they are at a higher risk of becoming victims of crime if they feel isolated or alone.

If you are celebrating Halloween this year, we hope you have a spook-tacular time, but stay safe. Please be mindful and respectful that not everyone in our community will be taking part.

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## There are lots of things you can do to help your neighbours feel safe:

- Start by just saying 'hello.'
- Ask if they would like you to check if they are ok on Halloween with either a visit or a call.
- Ask if they would like you to download and print on of our 'sorry, no trick or treaters here' posters below so they can display it in their window.
- Let neighbours know if you're planning a party, so they won't be alarmed.
- Remind children to respect others' property and not to call on homes that have the 'sorry, no trick or treaters here' poster.

## Parents also might want to talk to their children about our safety advice for trick or treaters:

- Always go trick or treating with an adult.
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents.
- Don't knock on doors where there is a sign saying 'no trick or treat here'.
- Stay in areas that are lit with streetlights and take a torch with you just in case.
- Stay with your friends – don't split into smaller groups unless an adult goes with you.
- Throwing eggs and flour at houses causes criminal damage. You could be arrested.
- Don't talk to strangers on the street and never enter any house, just stay on the doorstep.
- Although Halloween is supposed to be spooky, be considerate to those who don't take part and be careful not frighten vulnerable people.
- Remember road safety, always look carefully before crossing the road and be visible.

**If you're a shopkeeper:**

- Please remember not to sell eggs or flour to young people and that selling fireworks to under-18s is an offence.
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**Download Halloween resources:**

We have created two coloured posters which can be downloaded below to display in your home if you do not want trick or treaters at your door:

[Halloween Poster Variant One](#)

[Halloween Poster Variant Two](#)