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Avoid Large Public Gatherings This Halloween

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Halloween celebrations will be different this year because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.




Like any other day, deputies with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department will be out on patrol on Halloween to make sure our communities are safe. With the state and local public health orders still in effect, we highly encourage everyone to do their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our region.

The County of San Diego has the following guidance to make sure you and your children have a safe Halloween:

- In-person events or parties containing more than three households are not permitted, even if they are conducted outdoors. The smaller the number, the better.
- Carnivals, festivals, petting zoos and live entertainment are not allowed because frequent interaction with high-touch surfaces by children and participants increase the risk of COVID-19 infection to the community.
- Haunted houses are not recommended due to close contact and poorly ventilated areas.
- Virtual parties/events and drive thru Halloween events are much safer alternatives to door-to-door trick-or-treating.
- Participate in one-way trick-or-treating where you can pick up a goodie bag while practicing social distancing.
- Stay at home and celebrate Halloween by decorating the yard with members of your household.

To report violations of the public health orders, visit: <https://bit.ly/35OcAue>. Remember: continue to avoid large public gatherings, wear facial coverings and practice social distancing. Working together we can continue to flatten the curve. For more information, visit: <https://coronavirus-sd.com>. For more Halloween guidance, visit: <https://bit.ly/3mHJYtv>.



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