



Paige Brown
Mayor

CITY OF GALLATIN, TENNESSEE
Gallatin Police Department

Donald W. Bandy
Chief of Police

For immediate release
October 22, 2015

For additional information
Contact: MPO Janell Wilson
Captain Kate Novitsky

The Gallatin Police Department would like to remind the public to exercise care when trick or treating this Halloween and pay special attention to children during this time to protect them from accidental harm. The following tips have been suggested to keep in mind to ensure a safe holiday:

- 1. Only trick or treat at homes of people you know and travel in groups.**
- 2. Never go inside a home while trick or treating.**
- 3. Walk don't run across yards and always watch where you step.**
- 4. Carry a small flashlight to improve your visibility.**
- 5. Wear reflective tape on your costume.**
- 6. Walk on the sidewalk where possible.**
- 7. Always watch for cars as drivers may not see you.**
- 8. Wait until you get home before eating any candy.**
- 9. Have your parents look at candy before you eat it.**
- 10. Throw away any candy that is unwrapped or looks funny in color or texture.**
- 11. Drivers should slow down and watch for children walking along the road or crossing the road.**
- 12. Parents should go on-line to the TBI sex offender web site at <http://www.tbi.state.tn.us/sorint/SOMainpg.aspx> to identify sex offenders in areas you plan to trick or treat. Avoid those houses and report any violations you observe.**