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How to have a safe & fun Halloween in and around Pearl Harbor

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Pokemon, firemen, ghoulish goblins and little witches - along with an assortment of other costumed keikis - will soon be knocking on doors in housing neighborhoods as they celebrate the annual trick-or-treating ritual on Halloween.

Halloween is a time of mystery and fun for children, but there can also be tragic results without adherence to a few safety rules.

With everyone's safety in mind, the Navy Family Housing Office has established some basic guidelines for the holiday. Trick-or-treating activities in Navy housing neighborhoods will begin no earlier than dusk and will conclude no later than 10 p.m. on Oct. 31. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult.

By following safety guidelines and exercising some common sense, Halloween can be fun for keikis and still be safe and accident free.

Safety Tips

For keiki:

- Limit your trick-or-treating to your own neighborhood and only visit homes where the lights are on.
- Make yourself highly visible to motorists. Wear light-colored costumes and/or mark them with reflective tape or stickers. Carry a flashlight that is in good working order.
- If you wear a mask, make sure that you can see clearly through the eyeholes or, better yet, wear makeup. Trim your costume short enough to prevent tripping. Don't wear high heels or poorly-fitting costume shoes.
- Use crosswalks when crossing the street. Wait for the proper signal and look both ways before crossing. Watch out for cars turning at intersections and never walk into the road between parked cars. Stay on

the sidewalk and walk on the left side facing traffic.

- Before you eat treats, be sure they are inspected by a parent or responsible adult.

For adults:

- Drive safely. Watch out for children, especially when backing out of driveways. Turn on your headlights early and drive well below the posted speed limit.
- Leave your porch light on if you want to participate in the festivities. Keep walkways clear.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection. Separate suspicious items such as candies with loose wrappings. Any dangerous items should be reported immediately to the police and kept for evidence.
- Be fire safe. Make sure your costume is flame resistant. Don't use lighted candles in your jack-o-lantern.
- Give children only commercially wrapped treats or inedible treats such as pencils, etc.

Tripler to X-ray Halloween Treats:

Tripler Army Medical Center is offering to x-ray Halloween treats for keiki. The Department of Radiology will x-ray Halloween candy from 8-10 p.m. Oct. 31 and 8-10 a.m. Nov. 1. No appointment is necessary. For more information or questions, call Radiology Dept at 433-5313.



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While using candles in your jack-o-lantern is traditional, you may want to consider using a safer substitute this year.

Halloween Activities

- The 15th Annual Haunted Halloween Hayride will be held from 6:30-10 p.m. Oct. 26-27 at Barbers Point Stables. Old-fashioned hay wagons will take visitors on a spine-chilling journey through bloodcurdling scenes and spooky settings. Entertainment, food and game booths, pony rides and crafts are part of the festivities. For more information, call 682-4955.

- For spook-tacular fun this Halloween, dress to thrill for the Halloween costume contest Oct. 27 in the Club Pearl lobby area. The top three winners will receive \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively. Register that day from 8-8:30 p.m. Then, double the fun at the costume party at Paniolo Café—The Country Bar. Don a favorite costume for a shot at more cash prizes. Three \$50 bills will be given away. And, on Halloween night, Oct. 31, savor treats at all three bars—Pool & Pizza, Take Two Lounge and Paniolo Café—The Country Bar. For more information, call 473-1743.

- For golf enthusiasts, patrons can take a shot in the dark at Halloween Nite Glow Golf on Oct. 27. This two-person team event, held at Barbers Point Golf Course, is made even more challenging and fun with glow balls and eight-club-per-team limit. Cost is \$40/team and includes soup, sandwiches and prizes. Sign up by the Oct. 20 deadline. The first 54 entries will be accepted. For more information, call 682-1911.

- The scariest party in town is Scareoke Night on Oct. 30 at Beeman Center. Come in scary costumes or sing "scary" songs and win fabulous prizes. Enjoy free pupus; beverage specials will be on tap. The party goes from 7:30 p.m. until midnight. It's free to enter. For more information, call 473-1743.

Halloween Happenings at the Hale Koa Hotel

- Halloween Magic Show. Ghosts and goblins can win prizes, sponsored by Pearl Harbor Federal Credit Union, at the Hale Koa's Halloween magic show on Oct. 30 in the Banyan Tree Showroom. The show also includes an all-you-can-eat dinner buffet followed by masterful illusions and whirlwind juggling. Costumes will be judged on originality, scariness and overall appearance. The costume contest is for children only. For security reasons, adults are asked to refrain from wearing costumes. There will be free goodie bags for children ages 12 and under. The ticket price of \$20.95 for adults and \$11.50 for children under age 12 includes show, dinner buffet and gratuity. Order tickets by calling the hotel's activity desk at 955-0555, ext. 546. Although hotel security has been increased due to recent world events, eligible users can still sponsor guests. Guests must be accompanied by the eligible user and have a valid picture ID card.

- Bloody Good Cause. Give the gift of life this Halloween - and you could win dinner for two at the Hale Koa Room, the hotel's signature restaurant. The Blood Bank of Hawaii will conduct the Hale Koa's annual blood drive, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Waikiki Ballroom. Each day, 200 pints of blood are needed for patients in Hawaii hospitals. As a special "thank you," all donors will be entered in the drawing to win the dinner for two. Call 955-9424 for an appointment.

For more information on Halloween happenings at the Hale Koa Hotel, call 955-9424.



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Make sure to only give commercially wrapped candy or inedible treats. Also double check what your keiki brings home.

Happy Halloween!