Halloween Safety Tips

Don’t Have to be Scary:

• **Wear a costume that promotes your ability to see or run.** Be cautious when approaching strangers in costume as some people may take advantage of being unrecognizable and you may need to make a quick exit.

• **Pay attention to your surroundings.** Do not allow others or electronic devices to distract you when walking.

• Trust your instincts. If you feel **alarmed, scared or creepy** in any situation, go with your gut. If you see something spooky, contact the local authorities immediately.

• If you plan to go out, go out with people that you know and trust. Avoid being alone or isolated with a **vampire -- or any creature --** who you don’t know or trust. Return home with the same people you went out with and walk in well-lit areas.

• Watch out for your friends, and don’t be afraid to intervene if a situation appears to be **scaring** your friend or is **frightening** you. If your friend seems too drunk or is acting abnormally, get him or her to a safe place immediately.

• **Do not** accept beverages from people you do not trust. Make sure you watch the drink being prepared and that you never leave it unattended.

• Realize that alcohol influences decision-making and judgment which could jeopardize your personal safety. Read the alcohol policy and be aware that all state, local and University regulations remain in effect.

• Be considerate and respectful of everyone’s right to live and feel safe and comfortable in the community.

**Have fun and be safe!**