

PLAYING IT SAFE: HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little scary. Concerns about children's safety—whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bountiful bags of goodies—can cast a spell on the evening's festivities. Not to worry! Following a few safety tips will ensure that Halloween will be a "howling" good time for all.

Parents

- Escort your younger children while trick-or-treating.
- Set a specific time for your child/children to be out.
- Always know who is trick-or-treating with your children.
- Instruct children to **NEVER** enter any homes or vehicles.
- Inspect all treats before allowing children to eat them.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Do not trick-or-treat alone.
- Do not take short cuts through alleys & buildings.
- Stay on the sidewalks when possible.
- Never approach someone in a car who is offering candy.
- Look both ways when crossing streets.
- Trick-or-treat at houses that have porch lights on or are well lit.
- Wait until you get home to eat any of your treats.
- Don't forget to have a great time!

Motorists

- Drive slowly & use extra caution.
- Be extra careful entering and exiting driveways.
- Avoid extra distractions such as cell phones & loud music.
- Use headlights at all times.
- Look for children in the street & crossing the street between parked vehicles.

Safe Costumes

- Check that costumes are flame-retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near candlelit jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- Encourage kids to wear comfortable shoes.
- Try makeup instead of a mask. Masks can be hot & uncomfortable and, more importantly, they can obstruct a child's vision—a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.



Winter Parking Restrictions

The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1st through March 31st, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. In accordance with City of Winsted Ordinance 502.008, parking is not permitted on any street in the City of Winsted during this time period.

Vehicles parked on the street and in violation of this ordinance will be issued a citation and may be towed at the owner's expense. This information is only posted on City entrance signs and not within the City, so be aware of this parking ban and inform renters, visitors and out-of-town guests.

Keeping the roadways free of parked vehicles will assist the Public Works Department in clearing snow and ice during winter storms. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Winsted Police Department at (320) 485-2600, prior to receiving a citation.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Keeping Your Home Safe

Fire Prevention



CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS

20%

of homes have smoke detectors that **do not** work or are missing batteries.

2x

Working smoke alarms can **double** your chances of survival in a fire.



Replace batteries **twice a year** and keep alarms free of dust.



Smoke alarms should be installed on **every floor** of your home.



KNOW THE RISKS

10

There is a house fire **every ten seconds** in the U.S.



Cooking is the **leading cause** of house fires.

30

Home fires can spread in as little as **thirty seconds**.



More than **15,000** fires a year are started by clothes dryers. Clean the vents at least once a year.



Make sure that your family has a **fire escape plan** for your home and practice it regularly.



Remember: If there's ever a fire, **GET OUT, STAY OUT** and **CALL** for help.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an invisible gas that is odorless and colorless and kills without warning.



CAN'T BE SEEN



CAN'T BE SMELLED



CAN'T BE HEARD



CAN BE STOPPED

It claims the lives of hundreds of people every year and makes thousands more ill.



FURNACES



GAS STOVE



SPACE HEATER



FIREPLACES



WATER HEATER



DRYER

Many of your common household appliances release this silent killer, including gas- and oil-burning furnaces, gas stoves, space heaters, fireplaces, water heaters and clothes dryers.

PROTECT YOUR HOME



» Protect your home by installing battery-operated CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home and check them regularly

» Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Know the signs: headache · dizziness · weakness · nausea · vomiting · chest pain · confusion · loss of consciousness



CO symptoms are often described as "flu-like."

If you breathe in a lot of CO it can make you pass out or kill you.

THINGS TO REMEMBER IN EMERGENCY



Open windows and doors and go outside for fresh air



Seek medical advice from a doctor



Turn off all appliances and have them checked by a registered technician



DO NOT: Smoke, flip switches or do anything to create a spark

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

LAKE MARY VFW AUXILIARY 9232

Chicken Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

WINSTED AMERICAN LEGION
161-1ST STREET N., WINSTED

3:00PM – 6:00PM OR UNTIL GONE

ADULTS: \$15.00

CHILDREN (10 & UNDER):
FREE WITH PAYING ADULT

Come join us for a great chicken dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, dinner roll, & dessert. Milk & coffee included.

Take-out orders available.

Tickets available at Security Bank & Trust Co. in Winsted, Peak Nutrition, & Coffee Cove



Attention Snowbirds!

If you plan to travel south for the winter months, please remember to take the following steps concerning your utility bill and refuse service.

Before you leave...

- Contact Winsted City Hall at (320)485-2366 to provide a forwarding address for the months you will be gone.
- Contact Waste Management at 1-888-960-0008 to inform them of your plans.
- You can sign up for the Automatic Payment Plan for utility payments. Forms are available online or at City Hall.
- You can also pay online or by phone with a credit or debit card while you are away.

When you return...

- Let us know when you return to Winsted.
- Contact Waste Management at 1-888-960-0008 to re-activate your account.

