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## Spooktacular Safety: Keep Halloween Safe This Year

**(Woodland, CA)** – It's spooky season, and the Traffic Safety Team at Yolo County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) would like to share some safety tips to help keep trick-or-treaters safe. On Halloween night, roads can be especially dangerous, making it important for drivers to do their part in keeping the roads safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other roadway users enjoying frightening festivities. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly half of all crash fatalities during Halloween night in 2022 were alcohol-related.

HHS's Traffic Safety Team offers several important safety tips to ensure a safe experience during Halloween festivities. For drivers, it's essential to slow down and be vigilant for increased foot traffic in residential neighborhoods, particularly at intersections and when entering or exiting driveways. Avoiding distractions and impairment while driving is crucial. If planning to drink, consider arranging for a designated sober driver, using public transit or rideshare services, or opting to stay overnight.

For parents, caregivers, and trick-or-treaters, ensuring that costumes fit properly can help prevent trips and falls. Decorating costumes and bags with reflective tape increases visibility. Children should carry flashlights or glow sticks to make it easier for drivers to see them. Walking on sidewalks when available is important, as is avoiding sudden movements into the street or crossing between parked cars. Sticking to familiar, well-lit routes and always looking both ways before crossing the street, as well as making eye contact with drivers, can further enhance safety during Halloween.

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