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The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Encourages Families to Exercise Caution on Halloween Night

[Alexandria, VA] Halloween is here, but no need to fear, just beware! The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) recommends a few provisions that you can use to keep you and your family safe this Halloween. Make sure you check with your local jurisdictions on the designated trick or treating hours.

"Halloween is a very exciting time for children across the country, but with that excitement comes some forgetfulness when it comes to safety. We want to ensure that every family is armed with the tips they need to have a safe and happy Halloween experience," stated Vera Bumpers, NOBLE National President.

- Children should not consume any candy that has not been checked by an adult first. Ensuring that candy given to a child is fully wrapped and has no signs of being tampered with is the first defense against tainted goodies. If it does not look safe, it is not, and should be discarded immediately.
- Costume selection also plays a vital role in ensuring children are safe during trick-or-treating. It is imperative that children with dark costumes have reflectors that can be seen by drivers on the road and that children stay on the sidewalk and use the crosswalks. When children approach a home make sure they stay outside of the home to receive their treats. A child should never enter the home of a stranger. All underage children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Lastly, if you are staying home and passing out candy to the little fairies and goblins, make sure that your front door is shut and locked until you hear the doorbell ring with trick or treaters. Be sure to look through your peephole to confirm who is outside before opening the door. Do not leave your door open, even if you have a storm door.

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit <http://www.noblenational.org>.

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