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SPALDING COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDS PARENTS OF THE FOLLOWING HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The latest data from the United States Fire Administration shows that there are 10,300 fires during the three-day period around Halloween. These fires result in approximately 25 deaths, 125 injuries and \$83 million in property loss.

The Spalding County Fire Department urges our community to be safer during Halloween by sharing a few fire safety tips with residents:

- 🎃 Choose a costume without long trailing fabric. This can cause a child to trip or may touch flames in jack-o'-lanterns or other decorations.
- 🎃 If you make your own costume, use materials that won't catch on fire easily if they come in contact with heat or flame.
- 🎃 Give your children flashlights or glow sticks so they can see where they are walking.
- 🎃 Keep decorations away from candles, light bulbs or heaters.
- 🎃 Consider using flameless candles or glow sticks in your jack-o'-lantern.
- 🎃 Keep exits clear of decorations.

***For additional information, call the
Spalding County Fire Department at 770-228-2129.***

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