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Kansas Department of Corrections Helps Promote a Safe Halloween

Kansas Department of Corrections parole staff have taken a series of steps to enhance the safety of Kansas children on Halloween.

“We are not aware of any cases in Kansas where a child has been threatened or harmed on Halloween by an offender under the supervision of our parole staff,” Corrections Secretary Roger Werholtz said. “We intend to do what we can to ensure that Kansas kids continue to have a safe and happy evening.”

Parole officers have been working with offenders to ensure that certain special conditions are followed related to Halloween, including:

- not possessing items that would entice children under the age of eighteen;
- not leaving candy or treats on the front porch or anywhere else on their property;
- not being at a residence where candy is being passed out to minor children.
- turning off all lights on their front porch and garage area;
- not answering the door to anyone other than an adult family member, adult friend, or emergency personnel;
- not answering the door under any circumstances for a minor child;
- not having contact or attempted contact with children without the permission of the parole officer; and,
- taking walks in the neighborhood on Halloween.

Parole staff will also be working evening hours and conducting unannounced home visits in certain cases.

The Department of Corrections has been taking similar measures on Halloween for a number of years.