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INFORMATION RELEASE

There are approximately 472 active registered sex offenders living in the City of Rockford. In order to ensure a safe and happy Halloween season, the Rockford Police Dept. is encouraging citizens and visitors to keep the following information in mind:

- Knowledge is power and educating yourself about where offenders reside in and around your neighborhood can help you make the best choices for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treating experience.
- Registered sex offender information is available at the following websites:
www.rockfordil.gov/police, www.isp.state.il.us, www.familywatchdog.us.
- Child sex offenders are prohibited from participating in any holiday event involving children under the age of 18 including, but not limited to, distributing candy on Halloween. A complete listing of Illinois sex offender laws is available at www.ilga.gov.
- Rockford Police Officers and Detectives will be monitoring the registered sex offenders on Halloween to make sure they are complying with the rules set forth by the statute
- A parent, guardian or other responsible adult should always accompany all children while they are trick-or-treating.
- Report any suspected violations of the sex offender law or any other suspicious activity to the police immediately.

As always, the members of the Rockford Police Dept. are committed to protecting the rights and safety of all citizens. We encourage everyone to have a fun and safe Halloween.



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