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CAA Saskatchewan Halloween Safety Tips and Colouring Contest

Helping to keep our youngsters safe while trick or treating

This Halloween, let's limit the scares to haunted houses, ghost stories, and colourful costumes and focus our attention on children's safety. Help is on the way with CAA Saskatchewan's Halloween School Zone Safety Colouring Contest. The colouring contest is open to children of all ages and features two grand prizes – one 18" Mickey Mouse upright carry-on suitcase (retail value \$74.99) and one 18" Minnie Mouse upright carry-on suitcase (retail value \$74.99). Entry deadline is October 31, 2018. The colouring sheet, complete with Halloween safety tips and full contest details can be downloaded at caask.ca/schoolzonesafety. And speaking of Halloween, here are a few more safety tips from CAA Saskatchewan:

See and be Seen:

- Choose costumes that are bright at night and don't obstruct children's vision and hearing.
- Trick or treating in groups is always a smart idea. It's safer and groups are more visible to drivers.
- When crossing the street, use designated intersections and crosswalks. Be sure to look both ways.
- Use reflective tape on costumes and have children carry a flashlight for easy visibility.
- Use makeup instead of a mask to allow for better vision.
- Put those mobile phones and gaming devices away. Be alert and aware of your surroundings.

Driving Diligence:

- If you are driving and must pull over to drop off or pick up your children, make sure you pull over into a safe zone and turn hazard lights on.
- Communicate with other drivers by using your turn signals. Put your vehicle's headlights on.
- Avoid distractions – put your mobile phones away. Watch for excited children walking or running as they may not be thinking about road safety.
- Watch for children when backing out of parking spaces or driveways.
- Slow down to at least 10 km below the speed limit when driving through school zones and residential areas.
- Avoid driving during peak trick or treating hours on Halloween night.
- If you plan to party, put the keys away: plan a safe ride home.

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