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Trick or Treat

Halloween can be a lot of fun for children as well as adults, if you take some precautions. Here are a few:

Costumes

- Look for "Flame Resistant" on the label.
- Costumes and treat bags should have some reflective qualities to be seen by motorists.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Wear well fitting shoes and insure the length of the costume is short enough to avoid a trip hazard.
- Some masks cause vision and breathing restrictions. Try regular make-up instead.
- Any accessories such as swords or knives should be made of soft and flexible material and made so not to resemble a real weapon.

Treats

- Warn children not to enter any homes unless they are accompanied by adults.
- Ensure that your own yard and home are free of any obstacles or hazards that could cause danger to trick or treaters.
- Jack-o-lanterns that are lit with candles should be kept off of steps and away from any decorations or other furnishing that could catch fire.
- Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult can examine them for evidence of tampering.

Campus Escort Services

The Old Dominion University Student Escort Service is sponsored by the ODU Police Department, and is designed to provide a safer, more secure environment for students whose only means of transportation on the campus is walking.

Hours of Operation: 5:30pm-12:30am daily
Escort Telephone Number: 683-3477 (use any campus Emergency phone or Blue Light Call Box)
Location: Police Department Headquarters,
4516 Monarch Way
Norfolk, VA 23508.

There are currently eighteen (18) full time students working for the Student Escort Service. These students are under the direction of the Escort Coordinator and two Escort Supervisors. Many of the escorts are members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) programs on campus.

If you would like to know more about the Student Escort Service, please call 683-3477 or 683-4003.



The office can be as dangerous as any other work environment. The potential exists for cuts, burns, slips, trips and falls, crushing injuries, repetitive motion syndrome, eyestrain and other injuries. The following safety practices apply to any office setting:

- Furniture with sharp corners, projecting edges or wobbly legs should be reported to Physical Plant for modification, repair or replacement.
- Tilting chairs should be used properly and well maintained to prevent tipping.
- Chairs, desks, tables or other furniture should not be used in lieu of a ladder.
- File, desk and table drawers should be closed when not in use to avoid tripping or striking injuries.
- Only one file drawer should be opened at a time and never left open.
- The top drawer of a file cabinet should be less filled and heavy than other drawers.
- Close file drawers slowly to avoid pinching fingers.
- Blades of paper cutters should be closed when not in use.
- Hands should be kept clear of printer and typewriter carriages.
- Floors and walkway surfaces must be kept clean, dry and unobstructed.
- Office "avalanches" can result from faulty stacking of heavy boxes, papers, books and other office materials above your head on the top shelf.
- Replace all frayed wiring, improper grounding and malfunctioning electrical equipment that might cause a trip and fall.

Help keep our campus waterways clean

Have you ever asked yourself, where does rainwater go during a rainstorm? Well, in most cities, excess rainwater enters storm drains located along street curbs, parking lots, etc. You need these drains because they help to reduce flooding. Here on the ODU campus, the storm drain system enters directly into the local water bodies where fish and other wildlife live.

For many years it was common practice to wash down sidewalks and driveways, rinse out various containers, or wash down equipment and vehicles directly into storm drains. You may have done this without thinking about what you were doing, where the water was going or the possible consequences.

You may be asking, why all of a sudden is it important to be aware of what goes into a storm drain? First, we all should be concerned with protecting our environment. Secondly, federal and state governments have developed new regulations that require cities and campuses to eliminate discharge of polluted storm water to creeks, rivers or lakes. These regulations are intended to protect the wildlife that lives in and around these waterways, as well as maintain the quality of the water you use for drinking and recreation. Since everything that goes into the campus storm water conveyance system might eventually be discharged to the Chesapeake Bay without any treatment, the campus community has a responsibility to help keep pollutants from entering our local streams, rivers and estuaries.

Maybe some of you have already seen storm drains on campus labeled, "Drains To Bay". These are to help you remember not to dump materials into campus storm drains. Listed in the box are some examples of materials that may NOT be discharged to any storm drain.

Pesticides	Masonry/Concrete	Vehicle Wash Waters
Herbicides	Household Toxics	Septic Fluids
Sediment (Dirt)	Cleaners	Vehicle Fluids
Paint	Pet Wastes	Radiator Fluid

These "illicit non-storm water discharges" are considered pollutants and never should be discharged into a campus storm drain. These pollutants can cause damage to the water quality in the state and harm the flora and fauna living in the environment in and around our waterways.

Think about it: Would you want drink or swim in this:

- Landscape Irrigation
- Domestic Water Line Flushing
- Lawn Watering
- Foundation Drains
- De-chlorinated Swimming Pool Discharges

EH&S encourages all members of the campus community to take an active role in eliminating illicit non-storm water pollutants from entering the campus storm water conveyance system. This will help to ensure the campus stays in compliance with both federal and state regulations, and will also help to protect the environment for you and the community.

Do you operate a Golf cart on campus?

If so, contact Doug Alexander to schedule a Golf Cart Safety Training class for you and your fellow co-workers.

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