



# Abbotsford Police Department

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*"Protecting with Pride"*

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## NEWS RELEASE

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#### Incident: Halloween Safety

#### Abbotsford – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Abbotsford Police Department is gearing up for what is expected to be a busy Halloween on Friday. Additional officers will be deployed to cope with the increased call load, to monitor the roads and to keep "trick-or-treaters" safe. Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service and Abbotsford Bylaw Enforcement Officers will also be out monitoring the Halloween activities.

The public is reminded that the City of Abbotsford prohibits the sale, trade, possession or discharge of fireworks unless authorized by permit. Fireworks related calls result in police resources being diverted from valuable investigative and proactive work.

Please remember you can help us keep Abbotsford safe by adhering to the following safety tips:

- accompany young children
- trick-or-treaters should travel in groups
- parents should plan a route for older unaccompanied children
- wear costumes that are easily visible and allow unrestricted movement and vision
- carry a flashlight or glow stick
- attend only well-lit homes and accept treats only at the door
- all treats should be examined by a guardian or parent before they are consumed by children
- pedestrians should use the sidewalks and be mindful of cars
- drivers should be mindful of pedestrians and travel slowly in residential areas
- be respectful of people and their property
- if you are attending a party, make a plan for a safe way home
- if you are hosting a party, help your guest with that plan

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*To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*