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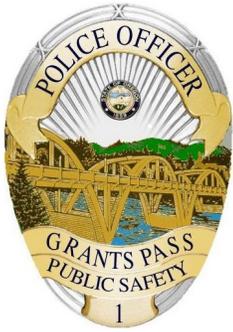


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To help keep children safe this Halloween, the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Crime and Fire Prevention Bureau would like to remind parents of some Halloween safety tips:

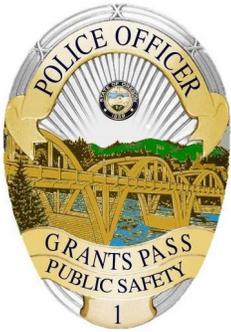
1. Make sure children are wearing reflective, bright colors, so drivers can see them.
2. Use a flashlight to see and be seen. Remind children to walk on the sidewalks or as near to the curb as possible. Always use crosswalks and look both ways before crossing the street. Always walk, never run across a street.
3. Warn your children not to eat any candy until it can be inspected by you.
4. Advise children to never enter a stranger's home or car.
5. Avoid costumes that are too long or too loose to avoid tripping.
6. Make sure the holes in your child's mask are large enough to see through easily.
7. Children should always stay within a group. Never let them go out alone.
8. If you use a candle in your Jack-O-Lantern, don't leave it unattended.
9. The safest option during this busy night is to accompany your children to designated events.
10. Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters and Jack O' Lanterns.
11. Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

The Grant Pass Department of Public Safety Fire Prevention Bureau would like to remind you that the Fire Prevention Bureau must inspect all Haunted-Houses not located in a private residence prior to opening to the public. The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Crime and Fire Prevention Bureau would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Halloween!



2015 NPM Theme: Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). The 2015 NPM theme is “Don’t Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.” We are encouraging everyone to take part, make a plan and know what to do during an emergency. This means having an up-to-date contact list for those you may need to reach during a disaster and establishing alternate methods of communication in case traditional means are not available. Go to the FEMA website and make a plan . Don’t wait!



Fire Prevention Week 2015 is October 4th through 10th

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area 'like a tornado,' some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

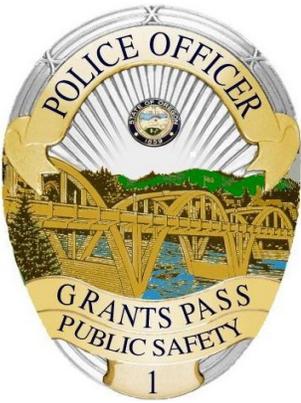
This year's theme is: Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives, Test Yours Every Month!

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month

September 2015 marks the eleventh annual National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the US Department of Homeland Security. One goal of Homeland Security is to educate the public about how to prepare for emergencies, including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks.

Disaster preparedness for your home and family includes pets, older family members and individuals with disabilities and special needs.

- **Get an Emergency Kit**
- **Be Informed**
- **Get Involved**
- **Prepare For Wildfire**



Prescription Drug Take Back

Instead of flushing or throwing away old, unused, medications (prescription and over the counter), bring them to the Drug Take Back Event.

This service provided by the Grants Pass Department Public Safety is free and anonymous - no questions asked.

What to bring:

Expired or unwanted prescriptions medications

Unneeded over-the-counter medicines

Drugs that didn't work for you, a family member or a pet

Drugs that are no longer used

Medicine from deceased family members

Unknown tablets and capsules

Old or unwanted vitamins or supplements

Medications may be in original container or loose. Liquid medications should be in a sealed container.

Do not bring:

Illicit or illegal substances

Intravenous drugs

Inhalers or aerosol cans

Syringes/Needles/sharps

Medical waste

Ointments/lotions/liquids

For more information call Grants Pass Public Safety at 541-450-6260.