



A message from Wrexham Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

North Wales Police are expecting a busier than usual Halloween and Bonfire Night period this year and whilst this is a fun and exciting time of year for many, it can leave many members of our community feeling anxious, intimidated and fearful.

Every year police forces encounter problems with anti-social behaviour, so North Wales Police are urging parents and carers to take an interest in their children's plans to ensure they're acting responsibly and not causing issues in the community. The consequences of anti-social behaviour and criminality can have a long-term impact on a young person's life, and on those affected by their actions.

Shopkeepers are also being encouraged not to sell flour and eggs to unaccompanied children in the days running up to the 31st October.

Demand on emergency services rise significantly during the Halloween and Bonfire period. To help us keep our lines free for those who need us most, please ensure you're contacting the most relevant agency and using the most appropriate means of contact.

- Concerns around anti-social behaviour and public safety is a matter for the police. If it's not an emergency, you can contact us via our website - [Home | North Wales Police](#). In an emergency always dial 999.
- Concerns about noise, the sale of fireworks and other related items, and littering/fly-tipping should be directed to your local authority via [Our partners | North Wales Police](#)

We have also included the link for our community alerts – this allows you to have messages sent to you specifically about the area you live in; to tell you about a spike in crimes or to pass on useful information. It only takes a few minutes to sign up-

<https://www.northwalescommunityalert.co.uk/>

Spooktacular tips for Trick or Treaters:

- Young children should always go trick or treating with an appropriate adult
- Plan your route and let people know where you are
- Do not take short cuts
- Make sure you stay in areas that are well lit with street lamps, and take a torch with you
- Never go into a stranger's house
- Please respect residents who choose not to take part
- Don't talk to strangers on the street
- Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people, especially the elderly
- Ensure you are always visible; it may be a good idea to wear reflective tape on your costume so that you are seen by motorists
- Look carefully before crossing the road
- Remember that throwing eggs and flour at property is classed as criminal damage - and the police will deal with all incidents of anti-social behaviour accordingly

- Attending an organised display is the safest way to enjoy fireworks
- It's an offence to sell or give Fireworks to anyone under the age of 18. You can be fined or imprisoned for buying or using fireworks illegally
- It is also an offence to set off fireworks in a public place

Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween and Bonfire Night and look after each other.

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