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## Halloween Safety Tips

In a few short weeks, Worthington's city streets will be overrun for one night by hordes of little ghosts, ghouls, and princesses.

To make this Halloween a safe one for our little monsters, here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics:



- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective or add reflective tape for greater visibility.
- Make sure costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement, or contact with open flames.
- Masks can limit, or block eyesight so consider using non-toxic makeup and decorative hats.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, make sure they are flame resistant.
- Do not use decorative contact lenses as they can cause pain, inflammation, and serious eye disorders and infections, which can lead to permanent vision loss.
- When trick or treating, walk in a group with a responsible adult or parent.
- Always walk on the sidewalk when available. If no sidewalk is available, walk against traffic and closest to the curb.
- Always cross the street at crosswalks and never dart between cars. Drivers may have a hard time seeing trick or treaters.
- For parents with children who have food allergies, please make sure your child does not eat their candy until you can make sure it is safe for them to eat.
- For the motorists on Halloween, the most important thing you can do is slow down, drive defensively and be aware of your surroundings.

Please notify the police department if you see any suspicious or unlawful activity.

***Officers will be handing out glow sticks along Smith Avenue again this year. Stop by and say "hi" as they try to keep everyone safe!***

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## Cold Weather Safety - Hypothermia

Like it or not, cold weather is already knocking on our door.

Each year thousands of individuals die from cold weather injuries; many of which could have been prevented.

Recognizing cold weather injuries can be the first step in preventing a serious or life-threatening condition.

The most common cold weather injury is Hypothermia.

According to the Mayo Clinic, hypothermia is a medical emergency where the body loses heat faster than it can produce heat. This causes a dangerous body temperature; typically, below 95

degrees.

When left untreated, Hypothermia can lead to complete failure of your heart and respiratory system and eventual death.

Hypothermia is often caused by exposure to cold weather or immersion in cold water.

### Symptoms of Hypothermia

The first sign of Hypothermia is shivering. Shivering is the body's attempt to warm up.

Other signs and symptoms include slurred speech or mumbling, slow or shallow breathing, weak pulse, clumsiness or a



lack of coordination, drowsiness, confusion, loss of consciousness and bright red cold skin in infants.

Hypothermia is a life-threatening emergency.

If you suspect someone is suffering from Hypothermia, call 911 and bring them inside, remove wet clothes and replace them with warm dry clothes or blankets.

Avoid jarring movements since they can trigger dangerous irregular heartbeats.

**DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH**

Text confidential tips to the

**Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force**

**100% Anonymous**



BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

## Law Review: Tires Considered Unsafe

Minnesota State Statute 169.723 Tires Considered Unsafe

Under Minnesota law, a tire is considered unsafe if:

- (1) Any part of the ply or cord is exposed.
- (2) There is a bump, bulge, or separation in the tire.
- (3) The tread depth is less than 2/32 of an inch.
- (4) If the tire has been worn to the level of the tread wear indicators.
- (5) It is marked for "not for highway use" or "for racing purposes only".
- (6) The tread or sidewall cracks, cuts, or snags deep enough to expose body cords.
- (7) It has been regrooved or recut below the original tread depth.



Tires that are not properly maintained or are unsafe put the user at greater risk of hydroplaning or loss of control due to tire failure and can potentially cause fatal accidents.

With winter coming fast, now is a perfect time to check your tires for wear and to see if they are properly inflated.

## Scam Alert: Sex Tape Scam

Scammers will do or say anything to their potential victims to get them to part with their hard-earned money.

However, this next scam sinks to a new low.

The potential victim of the “Sex Tape Scam” received an email from the scammer claiming they had a sex tape involving the potential victim and threatened to release the tape if the victim did not send

\$7,000 in bitcoin to the scammer.

Bitcoin is commonly known as a “Cryptocurrency” and is a form of “electronic cash.”

It is commonly used by scammers and others, because it is sent peer-to-peer and not otherwise traceable.

The scammer claimed they used a keylogger to access their information on a pornographic

website.

Fortunately for our potential victims, they knew no such video ever existed, so they did not panic or send money to the scammer.

If you receive an email like this, simply delete it and not respond to the sender.

The scammers are using fear to try and separate the victim from his money.



Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like warn others about? If so, please email [chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us). You may remain anonymous.

## Ask an Officer: Why do Bicycles Ride with Traffic

Eric asks, “I have always been curious as to why bicycles are supposed to ride on the street and not the sidewalk, and also why does a bike ride in the same direction as motor vehicles?”

Thank you for the excellent question Eric!

The answer to your question can be found in Minnesota State Statute 169.222 Operation of Bicycle.

Subdivision 1 of this statute states that bicycles shall have all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle by this chapter (169 traffic code).

Under this statute, bicycles have the right to use the road just like motor vehicles except for operation on the interstate.

Because of this statute, bicycles are required to obey all applicable traffic control laws; including speed limits, stop signs, yield signs, and use of signals. This also requires the bicycles to operate with the flow of traffic.

When it comes to riding bicycles on the sidewalk, it comes down to pedestrian safety versus bicycle safety.

In some jurisdictions, operations of bicycles on sidewalks are outlawed. In Worthington, the operation of bicycles on the sidewalk in the downtown area is prohibited.

Fortunately, more and more cities and counties are recognizing the need for improved bicycle safety and are adding bicycle lanes to the streets and highways along

with multiuse trails for both bicyclists and pedestrians.

A local example of this was the Oxford Street project where bicycle lanes were added to help improve safety.



Do you have a question for a police officer, but never had the chance to ask?

Here is your chance! Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter. Send your comments and questions to:

[chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us)

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We're on the Web!

See us at:  
[www.ci.worthington.mn.us](http://www.ci.worthington.mn.us)

## Humor in Law Enforcement

Police officers go to work every day not knowing what the day will bring.

Some days are boring, some are hectic, and some are just down right strange.

For a couple officers of the Brooklyn Park Police Department, their day fell into the category of downright strange.

While on routine patrol, they observed a male bent over the curb on Hampshire Avenue, so they stopped to investigate.

As the officers stopped to investigate, they observed the man pressing his gloved hand against a squirrel's chest.

One of the officer's said out loud "Is he giving the squirrel CPR?" The officer replied to his own questions with "I think he is"!

The man replied that he hit the squirrel with his car even though he swerved to attempt to miss it.

The officers noted that the squirrel did not appear to have been hit



by the car.

In a happy turn of events, the squirrel started to stir before running off!

The officers and the man celebrated with high fives.

## Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity  
by working WITH the community  
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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