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WI DOC Probation and Parole Agents Team Up With Law Enforcement On Halloween

Additional Monitoring of High Risk Sex Offenders Part of Trick-or-Treat Safety Plan

MADISON - This Halloween the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) will again be working with local law enforcement agencies across the state to closely monitor sex offenders on probation or parole and help keep children safe during Trick-or-Treat activities.

Operations are planned throughout the state where teams of DOC Probation and Parole Agents and local law enforcement officers will join forces during local Halloween Trick-or-Treat activities and conduct random home visits of high risk sex offenders. Any sex offenders in violation of the "Halloween Restrictions" will be placed into custody.

"Halloween is a perfect opportunity to discuss safety with children that can be practiced throughout the whole year," says Grace Roberts, Director of Sex Offender Programs for Wisconsin DOC.

"For Trick-or-Treating, children should never go alone and always be accompanied by a parent or trusted adult." Roberts adds. "Children should be taught to never enter homes of other people without their parents' permission. Lastly, for Trick-or-Treating, parents should know the neighborhood before going out."

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Parents can get to know the neighborhood by going to the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry web site at <http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/> and conducting a zip code search.

If the public sees any possible violations, they can call in the tip at 1-877-234-0085. As always, the DOC recommends that the public contact their local law enforcement if the situation is an emergency.

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