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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The EPFD Encourages the Public to Enjoy a Safe Halloween

EL PASO, Texas – With Halloween just around the corner, children will soon be out in costume trekking through festive displays in search of candy. However, more than ghosts could be lurking amongst the mid-fall fun, as Halloween costumes and decorations present a number of hidden fire hazards.

Improve the safety of your Halloween with the following advice:

- **Costumes:** When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long-trailing fabric. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or flame.
- **Visibility:** Make yourself visible! Carry a flashlight, glow stick or wear something reflective. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he/she can see clearly out of it.
- **Flammable decorations:** 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 and heaters.
- **Candles/jack-o-lanterns:** It is safest to use a glow stick or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Keep candles away from flammable objects and where trick-or-treaters may walk.
- **Exits:** Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.

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