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THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO CELEBRATE A SAFE HALLOWEEN THIS WEEKEND. BE SURE TO ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILDREN WHILE "TRICK-OR-TREATING" AND DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN ENTER A HOUSE WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE. IN ADDITION TO MONITORING YOUR CHILD'S CANDY CONSUMPTION ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT, BE SURE TO KNOW WHICH HOUSES MIGHT POSE A SAFETY HAZARD TO YOUR CHILDREN. TO ASSIST IN THAT KNOWLEDGE, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CAN HELP.

SINCE THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1,594 REGISTERED OFFENDERS IN SEDGWICK COUNTY THE HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CAN PROVIDE A POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR A REGISTERED OFFENDER TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH YOU AND/OR YOUR CHILD.

M-O-R-E

THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OFFERS A FREE ONLINE OFFENDER MAPPING AND ALERTING SERVICE. THIS AIDS CITIZENS IN AVOIDING THOSE HOMES THAT COULD BE A POTENTIAL DANGER.

THIS FREE TOOL IS FOUND ONLINE AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEBSITE, [WWW.SEDGWICKCOUNTY.ORG/SHERIFF](http://WWW.SEDGWICKCOUNTY.ORG/SHERIFF). ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PAGE UNDER "ON-LINE SEARCHES" CLICK "SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF OFFENDER WATCH." THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECOMMENDS CITIZENS LOOK UP THEIR ADDRESS AND REVIEW THE LIST OF REGISTERED OFFENDERS LIVING ANYWHERE FROM A QUARTER MILE UP TO A TWO MILE RADIUS OF THEIR HOME.

THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FURTHER ENCOURAGES CITIZENS TO REGISTER FOR THE E-MAIL ALERTS. ONCE YOUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS AND E-MAIL ADDRESS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, THE SYSTEM WILL AUTOMATICALLY ALERT YOU VIA E-MAIL WHEN AN OFFENDER MOVES WITHIN A QUARTER OF A MILE UP TO A TWO MILE PERIMETER OF THE REGISTERED ADDRESS. THE SYSTEM IS CAPABLE OF ALLOWING YOU TO ENTER MORE THAN ONE ADDRESS. FOR EXAMPLE, GRANDPARENTS, DAY CARE, SCHOOL OR WHEREVER YOUR CHILD SPENDS TIME. THE ALERTS ARE IN REAL-TIME AND SENT OUT VIA E-MAIL AS SOON AS AN OFFENDER REGISTERS WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

SHERIFF ROBERT HINSHAW AND THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WISHES EVERYONE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN.

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