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## **FirstEnergy Utilities Offer Halloween Safety Tips**

Akron, Ohio – Trick or treat is here – the time when little ghosts, goblins and, most likely, vampires, zombies and a superhero or two, will run door-to-door, excitedly collecting treats from their neighbors. FirstEnergy Corp.'s (NYSE: FE) utilities would like to remind all participants in this honored and fun tradition to include safety as part of their plans before the big night arrives.

FirstEnergy suggests participants limit their travels to well-lit, familiar areas, and never go trick-or-treating alone – it's less fun and less safe. Also, be sure costumes are visible after dark and that costume masks don't block the vision of the wearer. Carrying a flashlight or including reflective material or glow sticks as part of a costume improves visibility for all.

Motorists also should use extra caution during trick or treat hours, especially on narrower neighborhood streets without street lights.

Additional safety tips include:

- Don't use open flames in jack o' lanterns or other Halloween decorations. Battery or electric-powered tea lights or glow sticks in jack o' lanterns are much safer than candles.
- Wear flame-resistant costumes and never walk near lit candles or other open flames.
- Keep walking areas, steps and porches well-lit and free of obstacles to avoid falls.

- Wherever possible, use established crosswalks and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Inspect all treats before consuming to assure they have not been tampered with.
- Decorative lights should be approved by Underwriter's Laboratory and carry a UL seal on the tag. Red UL marks indicate the lights are approved for indoor or outdoor use, while green UL tags indicate approval for indoor use only.
- Outdoor lights and decorations should be plugged into outlets that feature Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs).
- Indoor lights should not touch window treatments, carpet or furniture.
- Place all lights on a timer if you'll be away from home, and turn off all lights before you go to bed.

Additional recommendations to stay safe this Halloween can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, [www.cdc.gov/family/halloween](http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween).

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