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Media Release

The Nevada Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol and the Nevada Department of Transportation remind drivers and pedestrians to be safe on the road this Halloween

The Nevada Department of Public Safety's Highway Patrol and the Nevada Department of Transportation remind drivers and pedestrians to be safe on the road this Halloween and every day. There have been a total of four traffic deaths and 304 crashes during the past two Halloween days in Nevada.

For enhanced safety, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Nevada Highway Patrol reminds drivers and pedestrians to always focus on and share the road. Pedestrians should cross the street legally, making eye contact with drivers and waiting for drivers to stop before crossing. Pedestrians should also make themselves visible, whether wearing a reflective costume on Halloween Day or reflective gear on other days.

Drivers should always watch for pedestrians and yield when necessary. This is particularly true on Halloween night, when young trick-or-treaters are out in force. Drivers are also reminded to never drive impaired. Drunk and impaired drivers are one of the greatest hazards on Halloween. Please make sure your children do not ride with anyone who has been drinking. If you are planning to drink yourself, please choose a designated driver in advance to take you home.

Overall, there have been 250 traffic deaths in Nevada this year, 24 more fatalities than the same time last year. Traffic safety information is available at www.zerofatalitiesnv.com.

Drivers:

Use caution while behind the wheel.

- Slow down and be alert in residential areas.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- Eliminate distractions so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Drive sober or get pulled over.

- Always designate a sober driver and plan a way to safely get home at the end of the night if you plan on celebrating Halloween with alcohol.
- Use your community's sober ride program or take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.

Watch out for your family, friends, and neighbors.

- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.
- If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make safe travel arrangements to where they are going.

Pedestrians

Walking impaired can be just as dangerous as drunk driving.

- Designate a sober friend to walk you home.

Keep kids safe.

- Children out at night and under the age of 12 should have adult supervision.
- Kids should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Choose face paint when possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Decorate costumes with reflective tape and have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights.

Remember, everyone is a pedestrian.

- Always cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

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