



# Bonner County Sheriff's Office

## MEDIA RELEASE



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### Public Safety Advisory - Halloween

### Sex Offender Mapping Service aids citizens in avoiding potentially dangerous homes

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#### OFFENDER WATCH®

*Sandpoint, Idaho*-With Halloween right around the corner, it is crucial that you know which houses your children should avoid when trick-or-treating. The Bonner County Sheriff's Office invites you to view our website [www.bonnerso.org](http://www.bonnerso.org), and follow the Offender Watch link at the bottom of the home page, to research neighborhoods and addresses that are important to you. While visiting our website you can also view and print important safety tips to review with your children.

It is the goal of the Bonner County Sheriff's Office to provide accurate information to the public regarding the dangers of sexual predators, and to further build community awareness. To help us achieve this goal we utilize OffenderWatch® to manage and monitor the registered offender's whereabouts, as well as conduct compliance checks of known addresses within Idaho's communities.

Idaho requires sex offenders currently on parole to keep their porches lights turned off the night of Halloween. These offenders are not supposed to have their front porch lights on, nor are they supposed to answer the door. For the safety of you, your children, and the registered sex offender, if the porch light is not on, do not trick-or-treat at this residence.

Online community notification services such as Nixle Alerts, Crime Reports and Offender Watch empower you with knowledge that can be used to protect yourself and your family from becoming victims. We firmly believe that the more educated and aware our community is of what and where the dangers lurk, the more effective your Bonner County Sheriff's Office will be.

The Bonner County Sheriff's Office wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween.

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