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P R E S S R E L E A S E

The Weld County Sheriff's Office wants children to have a safe and fun Halloween. Parents should be aware of ways to help keep their children safe and to discuss this with their children. Registered sex offenders pose a concern to citizens and citizens can be aware of the location of registered sex offenders. The Weld County Sheriff's Office maintains a web site that will assist the community in knowing where some possible dangers may exist. The website can be accessed at www.weldsheriff.com. This website includes sex offenders who are registered with the Weld County Sheriff's Office. There are links to the registered sex offender websites for the municipalities of Evans and Greeley.

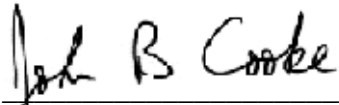
The knowledge of the location of sex offenders is not a guarantee of safety:

-There are offenders who may have moved to or from these jurisdictions and have not notified the police of their whereabouts.

-A majority of sex crimes are not reported to police meaning that many sex offenders have not been identified.

-Most sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows. A stranger does not pose the highest risk to you.

Parents are a child's first line of defense. If children are going to trick or treat they should be accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult. They should be accompanied to the door of every house they approach. Children should never trick or treat alone and if an adult is not going to accompany them they should be in groups. They should be taught to NEVER enter any house without permission from a parent. They should not approach any vehicle. They need to be told to scream and run from anyone who tries to grab them or force them, in any way, to go with them. Suspicious incidents should be reported to the police. A good alternative to trick or treating is for parents to organize parties at home, in schools, or community centers.



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