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Halloween is a time of fun and laughter, wearing costumes, gathering candy, and being silly or scary.

Unfortunately, safety issues accompany this day each year and there are always ways that children can get hurt if they don't follow certain guidelines set forth by their parents or other adults in charge.

As a reminder, there are currently three sex offenders registered in Perkins County, and parents may wish to monitor their children while trick-or-treating near where these residents live.

The sex offender registry is a service of the Nebraska State Patrol and anyone can access the public information concerning who is registered in the county.

Visit www.nsp.state.ne.us/sor/ to obtain information from the site concerning persons registered within Perkins County. Click in the left column to search sex offenders data, then select "sort by county" and click go to get an alphabetical list of counties which can then lead to names, addresses and photos of anyone registered in a certain county.

To date, there are 3,307 registered sex offenders in the state of Nebraska.