

Neighbourhood Watch

October 2019 Bulletin

Halloween Safety Tips!



With October comes Halloween, and we hope everyone has a great time! But as always, we want to encourage fun AND safety this Halloween. Please take a look at the following safety tips for your Halloween - there's something for everyone, whether you're supervising, trick-or-treating, or staying in.

If you're going out:

- Enjoy the festivities, but remain aware of suspicious behaviour! Halloween can provide a perfect cover for criminal activity.
- Make sure you are visible! Ensure costumes and clothing bear bright colours or visibility strips!
- Make sure you can see! Masks should fit well to ensure proper vision. Consider bringing a small flashlight as well.
- Use the buddy system!: Whether you're a parent supervising your child, or if your child is going out with friends, make sure they are never alone and have a planned route that you are aware of.
- Check all candies before eating them! Throw out anything that seems tampered or opened. Throw out any raw foods (ex. fruits) or handmade treats as well (unless you know and trust the source).

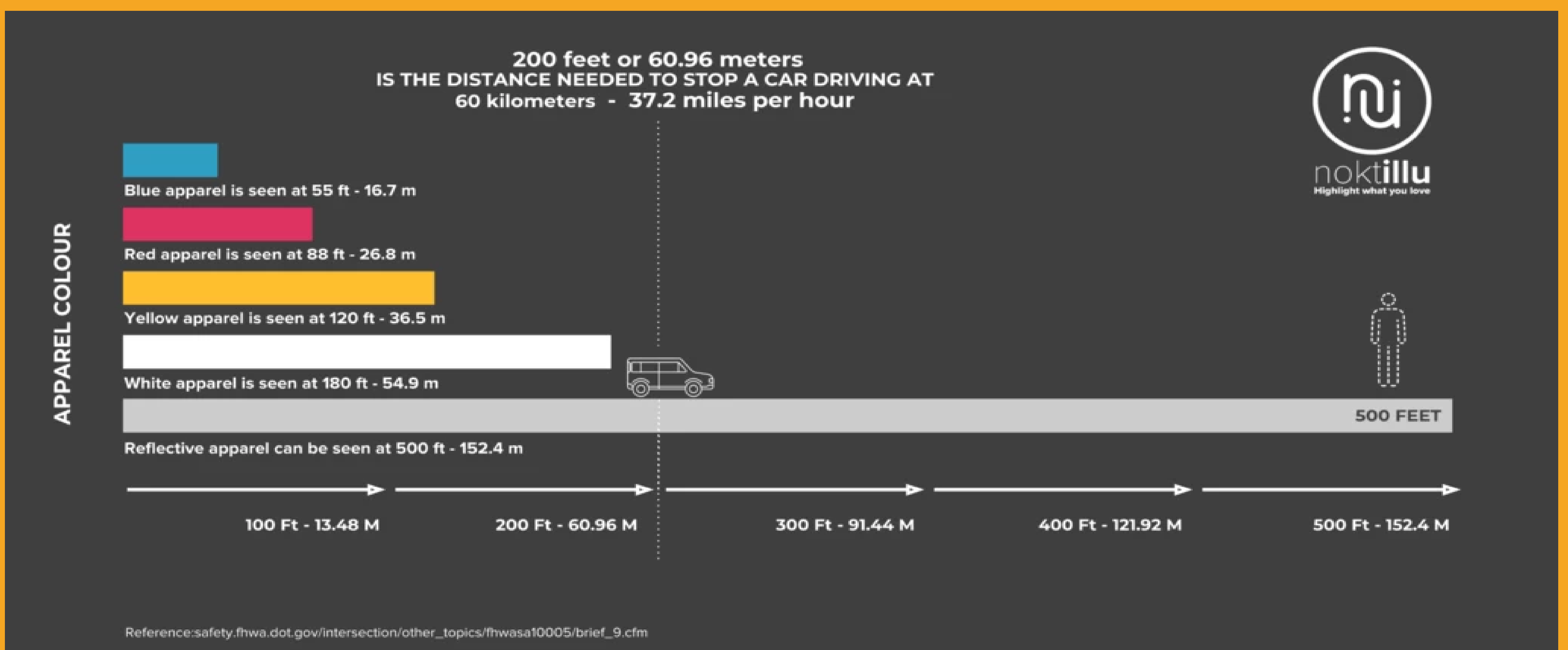
If you're staying in:

- Have fun with the decorations, but make sure your property is still safe, well lit, and free of hazards.
- Store valuables in a safe place! This is especially true for Halloween when you might be expecting many strangers coming on and off your property.
- If you decide not to participate in the festivities, consider putting a sign on your door alerting trick or treaters that you do not have candy to give. This is better than simply not answering the door and making your home look unoccupied. Remember, we always want our homes to look lived in to deter criminals!



Nighttime Safety Facts for Pedestrians

Take a look at the diagram below regarding apparel colour and nighttime visibility. Did you know 200ft is the distance required to stop a car driving at 60km/h? Consider the information below when choosing costumes this Halloween - it illustrates at what distance drivers will perceive certain colours. Visit Noktillu.com (click the diagram) for more ways to stay safe and visible at night!



Peel Regional Police's Online Reporting Tool

You can access this online tool to report incidents

Use this online feature to report non-emergency incidents or property offences. Examples include:



Damage to Property



Theft



Damage to Vehicle
Theft From a Vehicle



Lost Property

Or, ADD INFORMATION to an existing report!



Check out the Online Reporting Tool here!

One benefit of a Neighbourhood Watch is that your neighbours may witness things that help solve incidents that have affected you. For example, if you believe someone stole something from your car during the night, another neighbour might happen to have surveillance footage of the incident taking place. In a Neighbourhood Watch, neighbours communicate, and can share information that helps each other!