

# Sorry

**No trick or  
treating here**



**Please respect our wishes**



Every year, Hampshire Constabulary receives calls from dozens of people who have been frightened by trick or treaters. It might seem like innocent fun, but it can be terrifying for elderly or vulnerable people.

## **We want you to enjoy Halloween, but remember, not everyone wants to take part.**

**Follow these tips to help keep everyone happy and safe this Halloween:**

- Respect signs asking you not to trick or treat at someone's home.
- Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating.
- Young people should never go trick or treating alone.
- Plan your route before leaving home.
- Do not knock on the doors of strangers – only go to people you know.
- Never go inside a stranger's home.
- Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch.
- Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly or vulnerable members of the community.
- Don't play pranks that may damage property (including throwing eggs or flour) – it is classed as a criminal offence and you could be arrested.

