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Tips for trick-or-treating in Northwest Portland's apartment buildings

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Brent Wojahn/The Oregonian For trick-or-treaters in Northwest Portland, an area heavily populated with apartment building dwellers, [rent.com](#) has a few tips.

In an area heavily populated with apartment buildings like Northwest Portland, trick-or-treating might not be seen as an option. But apartment listings website [rent.com](#) has some tips for and benefits of charting out a trick-or-treating route in apartment buildings:

- **Lose the warm clothing:** Because an apartment building is entirely indoors, trick-or-treaters won't have to worry about hiding costumes under heavy coats.
- **No worries about separation or busy streets:** Apartment buildings trick-or-treating does not come with the danger of crossing streets or anxiety of being separated from parents or families.
- **More than just treats:** Some apartment dwellers may choose to turn their apartments into a haunted house, giving trick-or-treaters an extra surprise. With less ground to cover in an apartment building, there is more time to participate.

Apartment building residents and tenants can also do their part to make Halloween fun for trick-or-treating:

-- **Give it a theme:** Building floors -- or the entire building -- can work together to give their floor a decoration theme. Rent.com suggests posting a sign-up sheet or a note in the lobby of the building asking for participants.

-- **Confirm candy time:** Trick-or-treating doesn't have to be a late-night activity. Building residents should work to establish a trick-or-treating time. [Rent.com](#) says families with young children prefer to go door-to-door in the early evening.

-- **Share the creativity:** Apartment buildings can work together to coordinate decorating and trick-or-treating time to make it easier on trick-or-treaters.

-- **Sharing the rules:** Communicating your building's plan for Halloween is important. Posting a sign with the trick-or-treating times and participating floors or apartments will help guide visitors. Participating apartments can be denoted by decorated doors or with signs so that empty apartments and neighbors not participating will not be disturbed.

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