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Haunted Houses require caution on visiting

IDHS reminds folks to heed warnings and use common sense for their safety

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In a release by IDHS (Indiana Department of Homeland Security) Halloween and Haunted House visits bring the need for extra caution. As a reminder if anyone suspects that an event is not safe they are encouraged to ask for a State Certificate of compliance.

State Fire Marshall Jim Greeson wants everyone to have a great Holiday season starting with Halloween.

Fall is Approaching; IDHS Reminds Hoosiers to Practice Safety When Visiting Haunted Houses

With fall approaching, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the State Fire Marshal are reminding Hoosiers to keep safety in mind when visiting haunted houses this season.

"While haunted houses are meant to be scary attractions, safety is always our main concern," said State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson. "We work to make sure that each facility is in compliance with Indiana code before they open to the public."

Listed below are safety tips to keep in mind when visiting haunted houses:

- Identify exits when entering the facility. Exits should be clearly marked and unobstructed.
- Do not run through a haunted house. Follow the directions given by the operators of the attraction.
- To ensure the facility is certified to operate, visitors can ask to see the state-issued amusement and entertainment permit before entering the haunted house.
- Always refrain from smoking inside a haunted house. Also, there should be no temporary heaters or devices with an open flame used in the building.
- If operators/owners cannot provide a certificate of compliance, or if potential safety violations are found, contact IDHS. During regular business hours, call 317-232-2222. Outside of business hours or on the weekend, call 800-669-7362.

For more safety information, visit GetPrepared.IN.gov.