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## FALL 2018



### Dear Neighbors:

It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your state Assemblyman. Every day I am working to improve the quality of life in our community and reduce the cost of living and doing business. Though I often vote against bloated state budget spending, there are some resources government must provide and public safety is one of those. This newsletter is dedicated to updating you on my efforts to keep our community safer and inside are resources you can use to help keep your loved ones from harm.

Ending domestic violence is an issue that has become close to my heart. Every year I have joined the YWCA to meet with advocates and survivors at their "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes." I am a sponsor of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act – Brittany's Law, and have encouraged women to speak out against these crimes. I've also tried to create greater awareness of resources to get help if anyone feels their emotions are out of control or they are in an unsafe environment at home (please call the New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline at 1-800-942-6906). By studying this issue, I learned that while long-term resources are needed, immediate help is also important and that's why I responded by hosting our district's first Personal Care Drive to make sure women and children who seek help have the basic personal care essentials they need in times of crisis.

It's a small step but I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support by our always generous community and would like to thank you all again for participating!

But I've taken public safety a step further and sponsored legislation to keep children safe from bullying around town, online and in school. Jacobe's Law would increase communication between schools and parents if their child is involved in a bullying incident and I support the creation of the crime of cyberbullying.

Again, thank you for your partnership on these issues. Inside you can find resources to further help keep your family safe. It is my sincere hope that you never need to use an Emergency Child ID Record and that the Halloween Safety Tips (which are valuable when out and about all year) help prevent a true emergency from happening. For more updates and resources, please sign up for my e-newsletter (email me at norrism@nyassembly.gov).

I am so proud to be your Assemblyman and to deliver so much for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff for assistance on any state issue.

Working for you,



Want to learn more? E-mail Mike Norris at norrism@ nyassembly.gov to sign up for his e-newsletter.

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## **Emergency Child ID Record**

A private record of important information to be given to authorities should the need arise. Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach Photo Here Nicknames: Date of Birth: Social Security Number: \_\_\_ Address(es) of Child's Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name: Mother's Phone: Father's Name: \_\_\_ Father's Phone: Other Caregiver Name and Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_ **Medical Information** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Hospital: \_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_ 
 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_\_
 Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_
 Race: \_\_\_\_\_
 Complexion: \_\_\_\_\_
 Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_ Shoe Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Glasses? \_\_\_\_ Braces?\_\_\_\_ Chronic Illness: Medications: \_\_\_\_ Fingerprints (most police departments will fingerprint your child for free): right thumb right index right middle right ring right little left thumb left index left middle left ring left little DNA Sample (Hair) **Dental Records** 

Child's Favorite Things (places, foods, pastimes, other identifying mannerisms or activities):

# Assemblyman Mike Norris' "S.P.O.O.K.Y. Safety Plan" for a fun and safe Halloween!

- SAFETY IN NUMBERS: Arrange for a group of neighbors, parents or responsible adults to accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds, and make sure your group sticks together when walking.
- PLAN AHEAD: If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route that is acceptable to you and agree on a specific time when children should return home, or will be picked up from a pre-determined location.
- **OBVIOUS TO DRIVERS:** Costumes should be easy to see, either made from light colors, or by adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility if a costume is darker. Also, be sure to bring a flashlight with you to keep your child's path lit at all times.
- ONLY KNOWN AREAS: Instruct your children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and avoid trick-or-treating alone. Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR TREATS: When sorting through candy at the end of the night, be sure to throw away any candy that is not in its original wrapper, or looks as though it has been opened.
- YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS: When driving, watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs, and always enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully. At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

# Around Town with Mike!









### **NEED HELP NOW?**

**New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline** 1-800-942-6906

For bullying resources

www.stopbullying.gov

For emergencies

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# Assemblyman Mike Norris: Working for Us!

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