

## Important information regarding Halloween weekend in Madison, WI for Out of State Visitors

The Madison Police Department would like to welcome you to the City of Madison over this Halloween weekend. We hope that you have an enjoyable stay. Our goal is to ensure that the residents and businesses of Madison, as well as our out of town visitors, have a safe and peaceful weekend. For this to happen, we need the cooperation of everyone who chooses to visit downtown Madison this weekend.

### ◆ **Ordinances:**

Madison has several city ordinances pertaining to alcohol violations, disorderly behavior, and damage to property. **Strict enforcement of all city ordinances will be adhered to.** Individuals who violate ordinances will be arrested, removed from State Street, and processed by police at an offsite facility. Some ordinances and their fine amounts include, but are not limited to:

Disorderly Conduct - \$416  
Damage to Property - \$416  
Open Alcohol on Public Street - \$291  
Underage Drinking - \$166 and up

### ◆ **Glass:**

State Street and the surrounding area will be “glass free” on October 27<sup>th</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:30pm until 6:00am nightly. Anyone in possession of **any** glass (including non-alcoholic beverage bottles) in the ban zone during this time is subject to arrest and removal from State Street. There will be signs posted in the State Street area indicating the area of the glass free zone.

### ◆ **Fencing:**

The Madison Police Department will be using fencing barricades to aid in crowd control, which will prohibit pedestrian access onto State Street in certain areas. These areas will be clearly marked with signs indicating the restrictions. Individuals not complying with these restrictions will be subject to arrest and removal from State Street.

### ◆ **Unlawful Assembly:**

Under Wisconsin State Statute 947.06, police have the power to declare an unlawful assembly in the event that a gathered crowd creates a disturbance in which it is reasonable to believe the crowd will cause injury to persons or damage to property. If police declare an unlawful assembly, there will be clear announcements to disperse and leave the area. Individuals who do not comply with this order will be subject to forcible measures by police to clear the area and subject to arrest.

### ◆ **Consequences:**

**It is imperative that you have a legal form of identification (i.e. driver’s license or state issued ID card) with you.** Individuals arrested by the police for any violation, who cannot be positively identified, will be taken to jail. **Out of state residents who commit a violation are also required to post bail on the citation prior to being released.** If the violator is unable to post bail, they will be taken to jail until bail is posted.

The Madison Police Department realizes that the vast majority of individuals who take part in Halloween weekend are law abiding and peaceful. The outlined information is to ensure that everyone who visits the downtown area this Halloween weekend has a safe and enjoyable time. Thank you for your cooperation.



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