

Too Old to Trick or Treat?

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Who doesn't love to trick or treat? Free candy, a fun activity, and reliving childhood memories. However, some people believe that there should be an age limit.

Trick or Treating began in Scotland and Ireland in the 16th century where people would put on small performances while wearing costumes to be rewarded with a treat. Trick or Treating began in America in the 1920s and if a child didn't get a treat they would play a small prank on their new enemy.

On Musment, which is advice for parents, a mother asked if 11 was too old to knock on strangers door wanting candy and IntrovertedPenguin said "11 is fine. I may raise my eyebrow to a 16 year old though!"

If someone takes the effort to dress up with no ill intentions to get free candy what is wrong with that? At 16 you are still considered a child; who, at least in New York, can only drive with a parent and cannot drink alcohol. At 16 I went trick or treating and had a blast. Everyone who gave me candy seemed happy that I was still in touch with my inner child and was taking one of the last chances I could to trick or treat. I felt zero judgment and went home with some good candy.

Adults put a lot of pressure on teenagers to act as an adult and make zero mistakes; which is impossible. Trick or Treating is a way to feel like a child again and have simple fun with no stress hanging over you. It is a two

way street though because lots of young teens want to grow up very quickly. Kids should appreciate being young and cherish every childhood moment.

Now that I am 17 and applying to college I wish I could go back to trick or treating all day in different towns and streets filling bags upon bags of candy. This year is my last year trick or treating and I am not giving that up just because some people think I am too old. I am still a child under the law and that should overrule everyones opinion.

Since my friends and I have gotten older we started putting our own funny costumes together because we don't feel like spending the money on something we are only wearing once. We look forward to walking through the streets and then after trading and sorting all the candy we acquired for weeks before. Halloween is one of my favorite holidays but it won't be the same when I don't trick or treat anymore. I think all kids and teenagers should take the opportunity to let loose and remember all the good old days of dressing up and eating way too much candy after your mother told you not to.

I asked Southampton senior Riley Valk if she planned on trick or treating this year and she responded with "Absolutely!" Nick Gonazalez, also a senior, said the same thing as Riley and that free candy would make him ecstatic! Why not let these soon to be adults have one last hurrah and reminisce of their childhood days.

What Halloween costume do I want to wear this year? A MINION. Not just a cute little minion but I want to paint myself yellow and wear a bald cap in ugly little goggles. I might get judged for a different reason but I think I could really pull it off. A minion is such a good, go-to Halloween costume because it is so easy to put together at the last minute. It is also a great group costume if you all want to be minions, Gru or Vector. In short, anyone who wants to trick or treat or dress up should be able to.