

# Haunted House Is Stabbing Site

Margaret Gatch, 17, of 7918 Evans St., was treated Sunday night at Methodist Hospital and released after being accidentally stabbed at the Millard Jaycees Haunted House, 72nd and F Streets, authorities said.

According to Fire Department Capt. George Sedlacek, Miss Gatch was one of several costumed characters who work inside the house attempting to scare patrons.

Miss Gatch was to lie on a table while another teen was to stab a knife into a pillow on the table next to her, Sedlacek said. From the place where the patrons stand, Miss Gatch would appear to be stabbed.

But the other teen, who was not identified, apparently missed the pillow, Sedlacek said. Miss Gatch suffered about a three-fourths-inch deep stab wound to her right side in the accident, which occurred shortly before 8 p.m., Sedlacek said.

Miss Gatch was taken to Bergan-Mercy Hospital, and later transferred to Methodist at the request of her doctor.