

Halloween Safety Tips

Costume Tips:

- Make sure that costumes are fire proof.
- Make sure eyeholes are large enough for good peripheral vision.
- Choose bright colors or add reflective tape.
- Make sure costumes are not a tripping hazard.
- If it's cold outside, wear warm clothes under the costume.
- Ensure that if your child is carrying a prop, that the tips of the prop are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury.

Trick-Or-Treating:

- For younger children, make sure an adult accompanies them. For older children, set a route they are to take and a time they are to be home.
- Don't cut through back alleys and fields and stay in well-lit areas.
- Stop only at familiar houses in your own neighborhood.
- Don't eat any treats until adults examine them.
- Never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- Be careful when crossing streets and walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- Walk, do not run, from house to house.

Home:

- If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.
- Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face.
- Remove items from the porch and front yard that children could trip over, such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Sweep wet leaves from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite trick-or-treaters.

Drivers:

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- Watch for children in dark clothing.



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