

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is a fun time for children and can be for parents as well. Following these safety tips can help ensure a safe and fun Halloween for all.

Making Your Home and Neighborhood Safe

- Turn on exterior lights to welcome trick-or-treaters.
- Remove toys and other items from sidewalks and yard.
- If you operate a motor vehicle, drive slowly and be observant for children.
- Report suspicious activity or criminal activity to police.



Making child's costume safe

- Make sure costumes are flame-retardant.
- Costumes should be kept short to prevent tripping.
- Have children wear comfortable shoes.



- Be sure that the mask does not cause your child to overheat or obstruct their vision.
- Children should wear light colors, place reflective tape on costumes or flashing lights on the costume or trick-or-treat bags. The goal is to be visible to passing vehicles.
- Make costume accessories, (such as knives, guns, or swords) from cardboard or flexible materials.

Tips for Your Trick-or-Treaters

- Older children should travel with friends, never alone.
- Tell your children not to eat treats until they return home and have you inspect them first.
- Ensure that children know their address and your contact information.
- Allow children to eat only unopened candies and in original wrappers.
- Set time limits for children to trick-or-treat.
- Map out a safe route, no shortcuts.
- Tell children not to enter a stranger's house.
- Have children trick-or-treat while it's still light outside.
- If it is dark, have them carry a flashlight.

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