

Be Safe, Be Seen This Halloween!



Hey kids! Check out these Halloween safety tips with your parents and have a fun and safe Halloween!

Streets:



Drivers can see my costume in the dark.

Be original with a glow-in-the-dark costume or carry a reflective trick-or-treat bag. Use a flashlight or glow stick when walking at night.



I'm trick-or-treating in a group.

Don't go it alone while trick-or-treating. Kids, if you're under age 12, make sure you go with an adult. Older kids should always go with buddies.



I cross streets at crosswalks and intersections.

Stop at street corners. Look left, right and left again before crossing and don't cross between parked cars! Remember, never step into the street without looking to see if a vehicle is coming.

Treats:



I make sure my parents check my treats before I eat them.

Pick only wrapped candy when you trick-or-treat. Ask your parents to check all treats to make sure they are safe.

Costumes:



My costume is short and snug.

Baggy sleeves or billowy capes and skirts can trip you up and catch fire if they brush against jack-o-lanterns or candle flames.



My shoes fit.

Big, floppy shoes (clown shoes, adult shoes)—that are hard to walk in may make you fall.



My costume props are flexible.

Costume props can hurt you badly if you fall. Make sure swords, knives, etc. are made of flexible plastic or rubber.



The eyeholes in my mask are wide enough.

Make sure your mask fits properly and the eye holes allow you to see fully. Don't wear a mask that is too loose; it can slip and block your vision. Even better, paint your face instead of wearing a mask.



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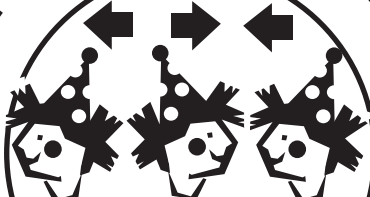
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attach retroreflective
stickers to your
costume



stop and look left, right
and left again before
crossing the street



trick-or-treat in a group



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Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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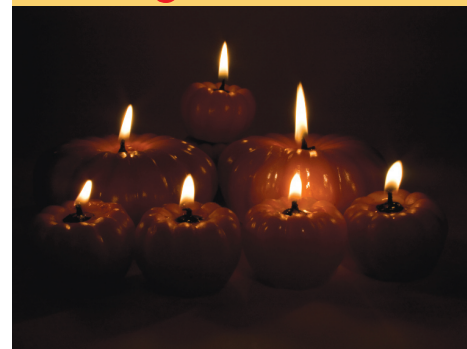
Halloween Fire Safety Tips

- »» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- »» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. **Keep** these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, and heaters.
- »» **It is safest to use** a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in more than 1,000 reported home fires each year.



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Carry a flashlight.

Make sure your costume is safe:

- flame resistant
- short enough so you don't trip
- bright enough so drivers can see you

Trick-or-Treat in group with a grown-up.

Stay away from lighted candles.

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