

HALLOWEEN



SAFETY TIPS

COSTUMES:

- Children should carry a flashlight and their costumes should be bright-colored or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- Be sure all parts of the costume are labeled *flame retardant*.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- If your child wears a mask instead of make-up on their face, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.
- Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.

ACCESSORIES:

- Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials.
Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
- Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

TRICK OR TREATING:

- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route. Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- Establish a return time.
- Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.
- Use sidewalks.
- Cross only at the corners; never dart out between parked cars.
- Cover one side of the street at a time, no criss-crossing.
- Never accept a ride in a car.

TREATS:

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

MOTORISTS:

- 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.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.



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