



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

It's that time of year when children enjoy dressing up in their favorite costumes and ringing doorbells in search of their favorite treats! Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween. Following important safety tips and using common sense can help make the most of your Halloween fun.

Here are a few safety suggestions for children and adults to follow for an enjoyable holiday ^(1, 2, 3):

Trick-or-Treaters:

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk- do not run
- Stay on the sidewalks
- Obey all traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Do not cut across yards or driveways
- Go to homes with a porch light on

Parents:

- Costumes and shoes should be properly fitted
- Avoid masks and hats that impair vision
- Costume props (knives and swords) should be flexible and blunt
- Supervise young children
- Costumes should be flame resistant and reflective
- All treats should be inspected by an adult

Homeowners:

- Remove all obstacles from lawns, walkways, steps, and porches to avoid falls
- Keep animals restrained
- Use glow sticks instead of candles to avoid fire hazards
- Keep jack-o'-lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against flames
- Keep porch lights on to increase visibility
- Give out fun alternatives to candy (pencils, stickers, erasers, etc.)

It is never too early to teach your child about safety. Remember to ⁽²⁾:

- Review the rules of stop, look, and listen before crossing the street
- Review the rules of stop, drop, and roll in case a costume catches fire

For more information on Halloween safety, please visit the following web-links:

Halloween Safety Information:

- [A Safe and Spooktacular Halloween](#)
- [Trick-or-Treating Safety Quiz](#)
- [Halloween Safety Game](#)

References:

1. [National Traffic Safety Institute](#)
2. [American Red Cross](#)
3. [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)

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