

Trick or Treat Safety Tips



Costume

1. Wear Flame Retardant Costumes. When buying premade costume look for “Flame Resistant” on the label. When making a costume use flame-resistant fabrics like polyester or nylon.
2. Try on costumes before Halloween so there is time to be altered
3. Hem your costume to help prevent tripping and falling
4. Wear brightly colored costumes. If costume is not easily seen at night wear reflective tape so drivers can see you.
5. Do not carry fake weapons (swords, guns, knives, etc.) or similar accessories that look authentic. You don’t want them mistaken for the real thing.
6. Make sure the fake weapons are flexible enough so they cannot harm anyone
7. If wearing a mask, make sure it does not affect your vision to help prevent tripping and falling
8. If wearing makeup use hypoallergenic and non toxic. Test the makeup you plan to use by putting a small amount on the arm of the person who will be wearing it a couple of days in advance. If a rash, redness, swelling, or other signs of irritation develop where the makeup was applied indicating an allergic reaction.
9. Before wearing any decorative contact lenses make sure you see a eye care professional and got the proper lens fittings and instructions for using them.

Trick or treating

1. Young Children should always go with an adult.
2. Make sure that there are two buddies with you if going without an adult. Never split up.
3. Make sure you have flashlights that are working with brand new batteries.
4. Stay away from open flames and make sure you know the stop drop and roll if your costume catches on fire. (practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering your face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out)
5. Walk on sidewalks and driveways. DO NOT RUN. Only cross roads at crosswalks. Never cross a street between parked cars.
6. Wear a watch with a backlight.
7. Have at least one cell phone fully charged in your group.
8. Never walk down dark alleys or fields.
9. Eat a small snack before going out to help prevent the urge to eating candy before getting home.
10. Plan your entire route and inform your family of the plans. Notify them of any changes to the route by calling them.
11. Only go to houses that have lights on.
12. Only go to the door for candy at a stranger’s house. Never go into house of someone you do not know.
13. Do not approach unfamiliar animals.
14. Always walk with you head up so you are aware of your surroundings.



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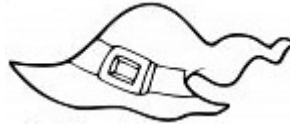


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15. Never accept rides from strangers.
16. Report any suspicious activity to an adult or police.
17. Always watch for cars. Just because you can see them does not mean they can see you.
18. Do not eat candy until safely inspected at home.

Before eating Candy

1. Throw out any candy that is un-wrapped, has puncture holes, discolored, or is homemade (unless the person who gave you the home made candy is trusted adult).
2. Small children should not be allowed to eat hard candy, gum, peanuts, or small toys.
3. Inspect the candy in a well lighted room.



House

1. Use flameless tea lights instead of candles in jack lanterns.
2. Keep Dried flowers, cornstalks, crepe paper, and other flammable props or decorations away from any heat sources (open flames, heaters, lights).
3. Make sure pathways are well lighted, especially steps to help prevent tripping or falling.
4. Check your yard for any tripping hazards in the daylight prior to the start of Trick or Treating.
5. If decorations are in the front yard make sure to have some type or barrier like fence to protect the decorations and the trick or treaters from tripping and falling.
6. Try not to have any cables running across pathways to help prevent a tripping hazard.
7. Turn on your porch light.

Driving

1. Drive carefully and slowly in any neighborhoods because you never know what may suddenly cross your path.

Always remember to use Common Sense



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