



**HAVE A SAFE
AND HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!**



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**HALLOWEEN
SAFETY TIPS**

For parents and children

HOME AND COSTUME SAFETY

Safety at Home

- Turn on exterior home light.
- Keep walkways free of obstructions.
- Don't allow anyone into your home you don't know.

Costume Safety

- Chose bright colored costumes. If dark costumes are selected, affix reflective tape to increase visibility.
- Consider using make-up rather than a mask. Masks reduce peripheral vision and present a hazard to children wearing them.
- If masks are to be used, cut eye holes large enough to provide improved vision.
- On the inside of the costume affix the child's name, address and phone number in case of an accident or a lost child.

TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY

- Plan out a route that will be followed.
- Cross streets at intersections, never mid-block or from between parked cars.
- Walk on sidewalks when provided. If they aren't available consider another route or walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Parents, remind children that you need to inspect all candy before they eat it.
- Increase visibility by providing children with a functioning flashlight or glow stick.
- Never take shortcuts across alleys, backyards or fields.
- Instruct children not to enter strange cars or homes.
- Avoid trick-or-treating areas and homes with which you are not familiar.

TREAT SAFETY & OTHER TIPS

Treat – Don't Forget the Safety Check

- Check for loose or tampered packaging.
- Discard open candy and fruit.
- If fruit is to be eaten, wash and cut it into small bite-sized portions to allow for internal inspection.
- Avoid consuming homemade treats unless a parent can be certain of the source.

Other Tips to Stay Safe

- Attend public activities such as trunk-or-treat.
- Host a family function.
- Organize a neighborhood block party.
- Have a safe, enjoyable time.
- To avoid creating a monster, don't let children eat all their candy at once!