

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Trick-or-treating is a great adventure for children. Parents, keep it fun by preparing yourself and your children for a safe night out, beginning with these safety tips.



You or a responsible adult should always accompany children 12 and under when trick-or-treating.

Children over the age of 12 who are responsible enough to go without you should stay in groups, follow an agreed-upon route, and watch for cars.

WATCH the ROAD. Kids are twice as likely to be hit and killed by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year.



Walk, don't run from house to house. Have your trick-or-treater wear reflective clothing or carry a light or glow stick.

Ensure costumes fit well and never obscure visibility.

Remind your children to stay in well-lit areas, never take shortcuts, and never go into isolated areas.



Teach your kids to bring treats home before eating them. Eat only factory-wrapped treats unless you know the giver well.



Let your children know to tell you or a trusted adult if they see anything weird or unusual. Teach your children to say **NO** and **GET AWAY** from any person or situation making them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused; even if it means yelling, kicking, attracting attention or any other means of resisting. Teach your children to never enter any home without you or without your permission.

Before Halloween, follow these tips to help make trick-or-treating safe this year:

- Visit your local sheriff or police department's website and click on their sex offender address search. Check an address for registered sex offenders nearby.
- Register for email notifications so you get notified if a sex offender moves into your neighborhood.

1. Visit communitynotification.com
2. Click "View State List" and select your state, then your county to visit the website for your local law enforcement agency.
3. Click "Register for Email Alerts".
4. Confidentially register your home, school, and/or work address to receive immediate notifications about new registered offenders near your address.





OTHER ACTIVITIES

For those not wanting to participate in traditional trick-or-treating, we've listed some fun, family-friendly alternatives that are sure to make your Halloween celebration fun!



Alternative activities to traditional trick-or-treating

Have a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search inside your house.

Decorate pumpkins and bake ghoulish goodies at home with your family.

Have a Halloween movie night with your family:

The Addams Family

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

Ghostbusters

Hocus Pocus

Hotel Transylvania

The Haunted Mansion

Casper

Attend a church or community trunk-or-treat.

