

HALLOWEEN

SAFETY

To help ensure this Halloween is a safe and happy holiday for you and your children, here are some things to be aware of.

Costume Suggestions

- Choose a light or bright colored costume and put reflective tape on the costume.
- Make-up or face paint is much safer than a mask because it doesn't obstruct vision.
- Toy weapons, wands, brooms, etc. should be made of paper, cardboard or extremely flexible material; they are safer than plastic, wood or metal.
- Put the child's name, address and phone number on the inside of their costume in case of an accident or lost child.
- Children should wear comfortable shoes; poor fitting shoes are uncomfortable and may cause a fall.
- Trick or Treat bags should not be too large; they can obscure vision or cause your child to trip.
- Make sure wigs and costumes are flame resistant.



To Trick or Treat Safely, Your Child Should:

- Eat a full meal prior to going out so he/she won't be tempted to eat treats before they can be properly inspected. Tell your children not to eat treats until you have checked them out.
- Plan your child's route and visit only homes in your neighborhood that are well lit. Establish a time for them to be home.
- Travel in a group or with an adult; never enter a home or car. Small children should never be out alone.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Cross streets at corners, never from between two vehicles.
- When crossing a street, STOP, LOOK and LISTEN. Look both ways before crossing.
- Walk, slither and sneak on the sidewalk or facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- Watch for cars and trucks driving into or backing out of driveways. That goes for low flying brooms, too!

Safe Alternatives to Trick or Treating:

Trick or Treat in a local shopping mall.

Attend community-sponsored events. Watch newspapers for additional information.

Host a family party.

Join your neighbors for a theme block party.

See if there is a "trunk or treat" in your area.

