

# Halloween Safety Tips

## Trick-or-Treating Tips

- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries after dark.
- Always trick or treat in groups, accompanied by an adult.
- Follow a curfew and take a watch with a backlight.
- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Stay on the sidewalks and out of the streets. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks.
- Walk. No running.
- Watch out for open flames in jack-o-Lanterns.
- Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Only visit well lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.
- Don't enter any houses unless you know the people.
- Don't approach unfamiliar pets and animals.
- Don't cut across yards and stay out of back yards.
- Follow traffic signals and don't jaywalk.
- Always watch for cars backing up or turning.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Don't eat any candy until it's inspected by your parents or guardian.
- Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, is unwrapped, has puncture holes, or is homemade.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police.

## Halloween Costume Safety Tips

- Wear flame retardant costumes.
- Try on costumes before Halloween to allow time for altering.
- Hem your costumes so you don't trip and fall.
- Apply reflective tape to your Halloween costumes.
- Avoid cumbersome masks. Use make-up instead.
- Wear comfortable, practical shoes.
- Double tie your shoelaces so you don't trip.
- Keep your costume and wig away from candles.
- Don't carry fake swords, guns, knives or similar accessories that look authentic. Make sure they're flexible and cannot harm anyone.



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