



Halloween Safety Tips

Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on Sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- You should know where they're going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.

- **Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.**

Homeowners

- **Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.**
- **Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.**
- **Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.**
- **If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.**
- **Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.**
- **Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.**
- **Non-food treats like plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, or coins can also be distributed to trick or treaters.**