



Safety Measures:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children their home phone number and to how call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.
- Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.
- Consider purchasing individually packaged healthy food alternatives (or safe non-food treats) for those who visit your home.

When Trick-or-Treating:

- A Parent or responsible Adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
 - By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
 - Only trick-or-treat in well-known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
 - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
 - Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
 - Always walk. Never run across a street.
 - Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom).
 - Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
 - Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will.
 - Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that may be offered.

After Trick-or-Treating:

- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible Adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Although sharing is encouraged, make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those of an appropriate age.