

Halloween Safety Tips

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Make sure that trick or treating this year is FUN and SAFE! Review the tips below with your child, even if you plan to be with him or her 100% of the time.

1. Make sure your child's costume is fire-proof, fits properly, and allows him or her to see where he or she is going.
2. It's important that trick-or-treaters can see and be seen after dark. Your child should wear a light-colored costume, use reflective tape, and carry a flashlight.
3. If your child's costume includes a prop, make sure that the ends are smooth and flexible enough to prevent injuries, in case of an accidental fall.
4. If your child is going house-to-house without you, make sure to plan a route so that you'll know where he or she is at all times and who is with him or her.
5. Trick-or-treaters should not approach houses that have their lights turned off.
6. While at a house, children should stand several feet back from the entrance and should never go inside a stranger's home.
7. Make sure your child knows to cross streets at corners and to look both ways for traffic.
8. Children need to be cautious around candles and jack-o-lanterns. Standing too close could cause your child's costume to catch on fire.
9. Pets and animals may be overly excited or afraid of people they don't know, so remind your child to be cautious.
10. Your child should not eat any candy until you've had a chance to inspect it and ensure that no one has tampered with it.

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