

Trick-or-Treat Safety



Halloween activities can be fun, and even a little scary, but they shouldn't be dangerous.

Before heading out to trick-or-treat this year, talk with children about safety.

Street Smarts

For Trick-or-treaters:

Decorate costumes and candy sacks with reflective tape.

Carry flashlights after dark to easily see and be seen.

Remember to use sidewalks and crosswalks, and look both ways before crossing the street.

For motorists:

Slow down.

Drive with headlights on, even during daylight hours, to increase visibility.

Avoid talking on cell phones and other distracting activities.

Costume safety

Only purchase costumes, masks, beards and wigs, if the label says "flame resistant."

Minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, by avoiding costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

Apply a natural mask of cosmetics instead of a loose-fitting mask that might restrict a child's breathing or obscure vision.

Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be made of soft and flexible material.



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Here come the trick-or-treaters!

Follow these tips to ready your home



Remove anything that could be an obstacle to pedestrians from lawns, steps and porches.

Turn on outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.

Sweep wet leaves from sidewalks and steps to avoid slips.

Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

Safe trick-or-treating

Only trick-or-treat during hours designated by the community.

Children should only visit familiar homes that have the porch light on.

Make sure older children trick-or-treat with friends and carry a cell phone for quick communication.

Younger children should walk in groups with older children or be accompanied by an adult.

Children should never enter a home, but should wait on the porch for the resident to hand out treats.



Enjoying treats

Children should be instructed to refrain from eating any treats until after they get home.

Parents should inspect their children's treats before allowing the children to eat them.

Only eat candy wrapped in its original wrapper and inspect all fruit thoroughly before allowing children to eat it.

