

Haunted House Safety

Halloween is an exciting time of the year for children and families. Visiting pumpkin patches, haunted houses, and Trick-or-Treating are mainstays during the month of October. By following a few safety measures, the Halloween season can be made enjoyable for all.

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The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office inspects all haunted houses in Indiana and issues certificates of compliance. The certificate signifies that the haunted house is authorized to operate, and that the facility has been inspected by the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office. If haunted house operators cannot produce a certificate of compliance, leave the facility and contact the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office at 317-232-2222.

- While inside a haunted house, exit signs or other markers indicating the way out should be visible at all times.
- Exit pathways should also be free from obstructions.
- Watch for extension cords, open wiring, overloaded outlets, or any suspicious looking electrical issues.
- There should be no open flame devices or temporary heaters used in the building.
- Only enter haunted houses that appear to be run in a neat, orderly fashion and that are not overcrowded.
- If an incident or concerns arise, address the issue with the haunted house management first, if possible. If those efforts do not solve the issue or talking to management is uncomfortable, contact the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office at 317-232-2222.

