



Halloween Safety Tips



TRICK OR TREAT TIPS

Make sure your kids dress up safely

- * Make sure costumes are flame retardant so children aren't in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns.
- * Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- * Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable, and they can obstruct a child's vision, a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- * **Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape or glow sticks on their costumes.**

Make trick-or-treating trouble free

- * **Parents should accompany young children.**
- * Create a map of a safe trick-or-treating route and set a time limit for your children to “trick-or-treat”.
- * Trick-or-treaters should always be in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real-life goblins.
- * Trick-or-treat while it's still light out.
- * Do not go inside anyone's home. Remain on the porch at all times.
- * Cross only at street corners, never between parked cars, and never diagonally across an intersection.
- * Do not eat any treats until parents have inspected them.

Check all treats before eating

- * It's hard for kids to hold back from eating their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or a snack beforehand.

Halloween can be a lot of fun for parents and kids alike--if everybody remembers the tricks and treats of playing it safe.

MOTORISTS

Exercise extreme caution when driving a vehicle. Be on the alert for excited youngsters, whose vision may be obscured by masks, darting out into traffic.