



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FROM THE HALLOWEEN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

PRE-HALLOWEEN PREP

- 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.
- Mask should fit securely and allow proper site lines.
- If using makeup, be sure it is non-toxic.
- Decorative hats should fit properly and not slide over eyes.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Provide cell phones and teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

SHOWTIME: THE BIG NIGHT

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Trick or Treat in the late afternoon or early evening.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Children should stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
- 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!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

TAKING STOCK

- Examine all treats carefully for unpackaged items, torn packaging, pinholes, off-color odor or questionable appearance when inspecting Halloween candy. If anything is suspicious about the treats, report it to the police. When in doubt, throw it out
- Remember, all treats do not have to be consumed Halloween night. Save treats for the days and weeks ahead!