



Be Safe, Be Seen...This Halloween!!!

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Remind Trick-or-treaters to:
 - Use a flashlight w/ fresh batteries so that they can see and be seen by others.
 - Stay in a group, walk slowly, and communicate where you are going.
 - Only Trick-or-Treat in well known neighborhoods and at homes that have a porch light on.
 - Stay on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - Walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic, if no sidewalk is available.
 - Never, ever, enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
 - Always walk. Never run across a street and only cross the street as a group and at established crosswalks.
 - Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street.
 - Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that may be offered.
 - Have all treats checked by an adult at home.
- 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. When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, please purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Place emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Homeowners should make an extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on porches and walkways. Check for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.
- Extinguish any candles used to illuminate Jack-o-Lanterns prior to going to bed. If you do use candles, place the pumpkins well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing. Consider using a battery operated light instead.
- Review with your children the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll", should their clothes catch on fire.
- Teach children their home phone number and to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free from any phone.



Halloween Safety Tips
to help you have a happy and safe day

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