

Halloween Safety Tips for Parents



Make sure your child's clothing is flame retardant. Review the stop-drop-roll exercise in case a costume catches on fire.



Attach your child's name and address to the inside of their costume.



Imitation knives, guns, and swords are not recommended costume accessories.



Give children flashlights and/or reflective tape, especially if their costume is a dark color.



Lighted pumpkins and luminaries should never be left unattended.



Make sure all outdoor lights are operational.



Buy fresh batteries for, and test, your home smoke alarms.



Remove items kids could trip over from your walkway and doorstep.



Keep dogs and other pets away from your front door, so that visiting children will not become frightened.



Set up a curfew for your older kids.



Discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow.



Watch for signs of tampered candy such as loose wrappers and check all treats before they are eaten. Throw away homemade or unwrapped treats. When in doubt, throw it out.



Serve an early healthy dinner so the kids won't fill up on candy.



Teach children how to dial 9-1-1 if they have become lost or have an emergency. (Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free from any payphone).

A warning to all motorists on Halloween:

- ✓ Watch for children in the street and on medians while driving.
- ✓ Enter and exit alleys and driveways slowly and carefully.
- ✓ Watch for children in dark clothing.
- ✓ Avoid all unnecessary travel on Halloween evening.

