



Holiday Fire Safety— Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween safety is about having fun and making sure kids are safe in their costumes, on the street, and at home. Follow these safety tips to make sure your trick-or-treaters enjoy their candy safely at home.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Four times as many children aged 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening than any other single night a year?
- Falls are the leading cause of injury among children on Halloween?



HALLOWEEN SAFETY CHECK LIST:

- ◇ **Be visible!** Most fun on Halloween happens after dark. Make sure everyone is visible to cars at night. Wear brightly-colored costumes with reflective stripes sewn on.
- ◇ **Carry flashlights.** Kids can see and cars can see them.
- ◇ **Trick or treat in a safe neighborhood.** Look for ones with good lighting and safe sidewalks and crosswalks
- ◇ **Make sure costumes fit well.** Kids in ill-fitting costumes are more likely to trip and fall. Make sure Dracula's cape is not too long. Good fitting shoes are always the best.
- ◇ **Always cross on a corner.** Gather the ghouls together in a group and hold hands while crossing the street. It's easier for drivers to see groups than single kids.
- ◇ **Opt for costumes made of flame-resistant material.** As Halloween and candles go hand-in-hand, use a safe alternative such as flameless candles in your jack o' lanterns.
- ◇ **Having a party?** Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes and use flameless candles as a safe alternative.
- ◇ **Be sure costume props are flexible and not sharp.** Make sure swords, knives, etc are made of plastic or rubber.
- ◇ **Follow the rules.** Just because it is Halloween doesn't mean the kids shouldn't follow basic safety rules. Rules on crossing the street and going with strangers can be forgotten during the commotion of trick-or-treating; review the rules with the kids.

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