

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

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Personal Security:

- ✓ Avoid trick or treating alone.
- ✓ Younger children under 10 years should be accompanied by an adult.
- ✓ Some children 10 years or older may be ready to go in a group without an adult. Minimum group of 3 is recommended. Children should discuss with parents what route they are taking and what time they will be home. Carry a cell phone.
- ✓ Only visit houses that are well lit and have their outside lights on.
- ✓ Do not enter a stranger's home or a stranger's vehicle.

Pedestrian Safety:

- ✓ Be seen by drivers! Carry a flashlight and have reflective tape or material on costumes. Glow sticks also work well to increase being seen.
- ✓ Walk from house to house do not run.
- ✓ Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the far edge of the road facing traffic.
- ✓ Instead of criss crossing back and forth across the street, work your way to houses along one side of the street and then go to the other side crossing at the street corner. Look both ways before crossing the street.

Candy Safety:

- ✓ Treats should always be inspected by parents before eating.
- ✓ Discard any treats where the wrappers have been tampered with or have become unsealed.
- ✓ Eat only factory wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats by strangers.

Costume Safety:

- ✓ Loose fitting or bulky masks are not recommended, they can make it harder for children to see what is around them such as vehicle traffic.
- ✓ Light or bright colored costumes increase visibility for motorists.
- ✓ Add reflective tape or material to the front and back of costumes to increase being seen by motorists.
- ✓ Costumes and footwear should fit properly to avoid trips and falls.
- ✓ Carry a white bag for collecting treats and add some reflective tape.

Fireworks Safety:

- ✓ Children should never handle fireworks. It is illegal to sell fireworks to a person who is under the age of 18 years old.
- ✓ Children should never pick up pieces of fireworks. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.

HAVE FUN! BE SAFE!