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# **HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS**



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# TIPS FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN

## Dear Parents:

*Halloween is a time of fun and excitement for children. But there are also risks associated with this holiday. By following the simple safety tips included in this brochure you can help to make your child's Halloween both happy and safe. Please read over these hints and discuss them with your child. They'll help to protect your child from harm during trick-or-treating and other holiday activities. And remember that even with holiday fun, safety comes first.*

## Jack-O-Lantern Safety

1. Adults should always handle the knife to cut the face of the pumpkin.
2. Candle-lit jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
3. Keep lit indoor pumpkins away from curtains.
4. Make sure the jack-o-lantern's candle is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.



## General Safety

1. Warn children not to eat any of their treats before they get home.
2. Examine all edibles carefully for evidence of tampering before you allow children to eat them.
3. Throw away candy that's unwrapped or has a torn wrapper.
4. Throw away homemade cookies, candy, popcorn balls, etc. unless they are made by someone you know personally (grandma, aunt, cousin, close friend, etc.).
5. Do not allow children under three to have any novelty items or candies small enough to present a choking hazard.
6. Have children carry flashlights to light up dark areas.
7. Clear steps, lawns and porches of anything that could trip trick-or-treaters.
8. Make sure that swords, knives, and similar accessories are made of flexible materials.



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- **Children should not enter homes or apartment buildings unless an adult is with them.**
- **Trick-or-treaters should go only to buildings where residents have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.**
- **An adult should accompany young children.**
- **Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.**
- **Avoid flimsy and billowing outfits to minimize the risk of fire.**
- **Look for costumes, masks, beards and wigs that are labeled flame-resistant.**
- **Use reflective tape as part of costume decoration.**
- **Make or buy costumes light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.**
- **Make sure that children can see where they are going.**
- **Travel in pairs or small groups.**
- **Wear properly fitted shoes or boots.**
- **Follow all pedestrian safety rules.**