

Halloween Safety Tips

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

- 🕷️ Choose bright colors or add reflective tape.
- 🕷️ Make sure the costume's not a tripping hazard.
- 🕷️ If it's cold outside, wear warm clothes under the costume.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

Ensure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

- 🕷️ Be careful when crossing streets.
- 🕷️ Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- 🕷️ Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

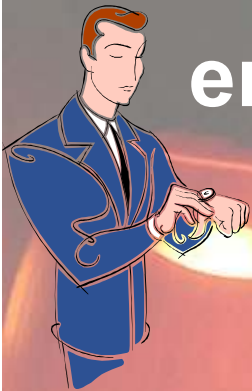
Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home.

Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields. Make sure they know to stay in populated places and don't go off the beaten track. Stay in well lighted areas.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

Stop only at familiar houses in your own neighborhood unless they are accompanied by an adult.



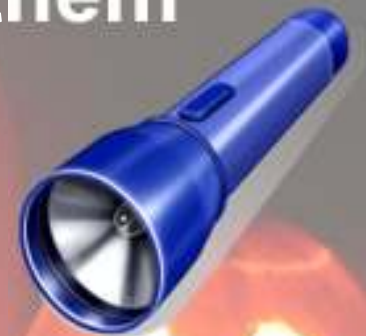
HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

Instruct your children that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR ADULTS

Make sure you set a time that they should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR ADULTS

Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs at a house may seem like fun but they need to know the other side of the coin as well, clean up and damages can ruin Halloween.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR ADULTS

Explain to your kids that animal cruelty is not acceptable. Kids may know this on their own but peer pressure can be a bad thing. Make sure that they know that harming animals is not only morally wrong but punishable by law and will not be tolerated.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR HOME SAFETY

To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR HOME SAFETY

- 🕷️ Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- 🕷️ Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.



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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR HOME SAFETY

Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.

🕷️ Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.

🕷️ Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- 🕷️ Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- 🕷️ At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.



Happy Halloween

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The Richardson Police Department maintains a database of Registered Sex Offenders that can be found online at:

<http://discovery.cor.gov/public/rpdoffen.nsf>

