

HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN



Dear Parents,

Halloween is almost here and that means our neighborhoods will soon be filled with ghosts, goblins, and other scary things that go bump in the night. Children love this fun and exciting tradition, but it is important to use caution to avoid real-life scares while trick-or-treating. With that in mind, I wanted to provide you with safety tips to ensure your child has a Happy Halloween.



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SWORDS, KNIVES AND SIMILAR COSTUME ACCESSORIES should be smooth and flexible enough not to cause injury.

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ALWAYS CARRY A FLASH LIGHT with fresh batteries while trick-or-treating.

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FASTEN REFLECTIVE TAPE or a glow stick to your child's costume to make them more visible to drivers.

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ENTER AND EXIT DRIVEWAYS and alleys slowly and carefully. Stay in well-populated and well-lit areas, and stay on the sidewalk if available.

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HATS, MASKS, AND OTHER PARTS OF COSTUMES should fit securely to reduce risk of blocked vision, trips and falls.

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AVOID HAVING CHILDREN GO TRICK-OR-TREATING ALONE. Make sure children go house to house in a group supervised by a trusted adult or older sibling.

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LOOKING BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET is important. Children should use crosswalks whenever possible.

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LOWER YOUR CHILD'S RISK OF SERIOUS EYE INJURY by not wearing decorative contact lenses as part of a costume.

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ONLY HAVE CHILDREN VISIT WELL-LIT HOUSES and don't let them stop at dark houses. They also should never accept a ride from strangers.

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WAIT UNTIL CHILDREN ARE HOME before letting them eat. Make sure to inspect your children's candy for unwrapped pieces and choking hazards before digging in.

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EAT ONLY FACTORY-WRAPPED TREATS. Warn children to avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

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EYE CONTACT SHOULD always be made with drivers before crossing the street in front of them to ensure they see your group.

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NEVER ENTER A HOME unless children are with a trusted adult. Make sure your children know never to enter a stranger's house and to have a trusted adult with them when entering a friend's home.



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