



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING SAFETY

Motorists

- 👻 Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- 👻 Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- 👻 Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- 👻 At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.



Parents

- 👻 Make sure that an adult will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- 👻 For older youths, plan and discuss the route they intend to follow. Instruct your children to travel only along the established route.
- 👻 Know the names of older children's companions.
- 👻 Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and **never** to enter a stranger's home.
- 👻 Establish a return time.
- 👻 Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.
- 👻 Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.



Costume Design

- 👻 Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- 👻 Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- 👻 Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (*Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.*)
- 👻 Outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children visible.



Face Design

- 👻 Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead.
- 👻 When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic."
- 👻 Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.
- 👻 If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

Accessories

- 👻 Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials.
- 👻 Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- 👻 Do not allow children to carry toy guns.
- 👻 Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
- 👻 Always carry a flashlight in order to "see better and be seen" more clearly.



On the Way

- 👤 Never enter homes or apartments of a stranger.
- 👤 Children should walk, do not run, from house to house.
- 👤 Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- 👤 Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- 👤 If a sidewalk is not present, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.



Treats

- 👤 Provide children an early meal before going out.
- 👤 Take a few “treats” with you to pacify the little ones – this will allow parents to conduct a proper inspection of all goodies collected once at home.
- 👤 Discard any treats that are unwrapped, have old or torn wrappers, are homemade, or lickable stamps.
- 👤 If fruit is kept, wash thoroughly with soap and water then slice into small pieces.
- 👤 ***When in doubt, throw it out.***

