

Halloween Safety Tips for Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of anything that children might trip over.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them in a closed room so they do not inadvertently bite trick-or-treaters.
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from the front door.
- Plan to give healthy snacks to the trick-or-treaters who come to your door.



Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters



- Children should be well supervised by an adult when trick-or-treating. Older children should trick-or-treat in large groups in well known neighborhoods.
- Children should carry a flashlight, glow stick or have reflective tape on their costumes. Make sure children are able to see and breathe properly when using facial masks.
- Children of all ages should visit only well lit houses in familiar neighborhoods. Children should never enter the home of someone they do not know. Children of all ages should NEVER approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Pedestrians should always follow traffic signals and rules of the road.
- Although tampering is rare – all candy should be brought home and inspected by parents.
- Parents of young children should remove any choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies or small toys.
- Teach children if anyone tries to grab them to make a scene, yell loudly and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming and resisting.

Halloween Safety Tips for Drivers

- Stay alert. Neighborhoods that don't normally have a lot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic may experience an increase on Halloween night.
- Remember that kids will be excited, and may be trying to visit as many houses as possible within a specific time frame. Trick-or-treaters may suddenly dart into traffic from between parked cars.
- Be particularly cautious in areas where cars are parked along the side of the street. A child could easily dart out between parked cars.
- Be patient and SLOW DOWN. Give children lots of time to cross the street. Their costumes may impair their ability to see and hear you, and to get out of your way quickly.



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