



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long, trailing fabric. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or flame. **Be sure kids know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)**
- If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- Teach all children pedestrian safety and make sure costumes are reflective or well lit. Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Teach children to wait until a trusted adult has inspected all collected candy to eat it. Any candy that appears tampered with or unwrapped, toss.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- It is safest to use flashlight or battery-operated candles in jack-o-lanterns. If you use real candles, **use extreme caution**. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use seasonal lighting or battery operated candles as alternatives to real flame candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

