



## Halloween Safety Tips for Motorists.

- **Slow down** in residential neighborhoods and obey all traffic signs and signals. Drive at least 5 mph below the posted speed limit to give yourself extra time to react to children who may dart into the street.
- **Watch for children** walking on roadways, medians, curbs, sidewalks and streets with no sidewalks. In dark costumes, they'll be harder to see trick or treating at night.
- **Watch for children** crossing the street who cross mid-block or between parked cars and may not pay attention to traffic.
- **Watch for children** darting out from between parked cars and shrubbery.
- Carefully enter and exit driveways.
- **BE CAREFUL BACKING UP!** Have someone stand behind the vehicle to make sure that no children are walking by.
- Turn on your headlights to make yourself more visible - even in the daylight.
- Broaden your scanning by looking for children left and right into yards and front porches of houses you are driving by.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- If you don't have to go out, stay home.
- If you do have to go out on Halloween while kids are Trick or Treating,
- Be Alert, Be Aware, and Be Safe!

**Have a Happy and Safe  
Halloween!**



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## Halloween Safety Tips For Kids and Parents

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Only go to homes with a light on and never enter a home or a car for a candy or a treat.
- Pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween. So, **Remind Trick-or-Treaters to:**
- Stay together in a group and communicate to parents where they will be going.
- Carry a charged mobile cell phone for quick communication with parents.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. Stop at curbs and corners.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cross between parked cars or out driveways. Wait for signals and walk signs.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks.
- Watch for traffic in the street and cross only at corners. Never let children cross the street from between parked cars or away from the corners in the middle of the block
- Be reminded to look left, look right, and then look left again before crossing streets.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters.
- Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will stop also! Use caution!
- Never cut across yards, use alleys, or trespass on private property.
- Children should never carve pumpkins. They should draw a face on the outside with markers and let parents do the cutting.



- Plan costumes that are bright, reflective and short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame, especially near corners or streets.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags.
- Costumes, wigs and accessories should be clearly labeled as being flame resistant.
- Avoid the use of candles and be sure to always purchase fire retardant costumes.
- Masks can limit or block peripheral vision. Consider using non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives.



- Don't use swords, canes or sticks that are too long or sharp. They can hurt you if you stumble or fall. Substitute with foam rubber, which is soft and flexible to avoid the danger of kids falling on them. Avoid hard plastic or wooden Halloween props such as daggers or swords to avoid injuries.
- If possible, trick or treat in the daylight hours to avoid the dangers of nighttime.
- If your children have to trick or treat at night, use a flashlight to see your way better and be seen well by motorists.
- Use flashlights with fresh batteries or glow sticks to increase visibility for all children and their escorts so motorists can see them.
- Walk; don't run, from house to house. Unseen objects or uneven terrain can present tripping hazards and injuries.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy. Fruit should be checked thoroughly.

- Halloween Treats should be brought home for inspection by parents before anything is eaten by the child.
- Wash any fruit you receive and have your parents slice it in to small pieces. But, **when in doubt, throw it out!**
- Check all packaging to make sure paper wrapper is not torn or was opened before by someone tampering with it.
- **Darkness is a danger!** If the house lights are not on, proceed to the next house.
- Try to have them wear light colored or reflective clothing to be seen well by motorists in traffic.
- Never let your child trick or treat alone. Children should trick or treat in a group and adults should accompany young children who trick or treat.
- **Young children should NEVER go trick or treating alone.**
- Have children stay within their neighborhoods and only visit homes you know and are comfortable with.
- Never visit homes that do not have lights showing. This is usually someone who is not participating in Halloween or has run out of their candy supply!
- Always watch for dogs and pets that may be dangerous, upset or scared.
- Keep pets away from children in costumes. Secure the pet and don't allow the family dog to get to the door before you do. The dog may scare or injure children who trick or treat at your home.
- Put a slip of paper in your child's pocket with your name, address and phone number in case of separation or emergency .
- **If you become lost or have an emergency, call 9-1-1 and look for a Police Officer.**

