



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

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Halloween is said to be the most eagerly awaited night of the year for kids and about 41 million children go trick-or-treating each year in the US alone.

Halloween is the **highest candy sales day of the year** with nearly 600 million pounds of Halloween candy sold and an average household spending of about \$44. Sadly, it is also the **deadliest night** for pedestrians with twice as many child pedestrians being killed while walking on Halloween as compared to any other day. **Here are some tips for a safe and spooky Halloween:**



- H**ave a trusted adult aware of your plan before you leave. Map out where you are going in case of an emergency. Talk to your kids about Halloween night safety (only 1/3 of parents do!)
- A**s a driver, slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are very excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways. Anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- L**ook both ways before crossing the street. Walk on sidewalks and cross the streets at corners only.
- L**imit your social media sharing and whereabouts for the night. Don't overshare! Burglars have been known to take advantage of homes when they know they're empty.
- O**bserve all treats, and dispose of any that appear to have been opened, tampered with, or are not wrapped.
- W**ear "fitted" costumes to prevent tripping and blocked vision.
- E**nsure that older kids are trick-or-treating with a group of friends.
- E**nsure that your children carry glow sticks, flashlights, or wear reflective clothing when trick-or-treating in the dark.
- N**ever allow children to go trick-or-treating alone.



If you're expecting trick-or-treaters:

- Be sure walkways are clear and well-lit!
- Keep Halloween décor that is lit away from curtains, pets and small children.
- Encourage drivers to slow down as they pass by.
- Hand out "well-known" treats so parents don't become suspicious.



Keep your pets safe at Halloween night:

- Watch animals around lit pumpkins. A pet can easily knock over a lit decoration and start a fire. Especially cats are at a high risk for this.
- Keep pets in a separate room. The front door is a high traffic area. Doorbells and knocks can upset even friendly pets.
- Limit pet costumes. This can cause stress to your animal.
- Keep your pets away from candy, avoid placing bowls on the ground.