




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. Sadly, it is also a dangerous and sometimes deadly night for children.

Did you know?

- The largest pumpkin, according to the Guinness World Records is 2,645 pounds
- Nearly 600 million pounds of candy is sold during Halloween each year
- Children are almost twice as likely to be killed/injured by a car on Halloween than any other night of the year.

Here are some tips for a safe and spooky Halloween:



Have a plan before you or your children leave the house. 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!)

As 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.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Walk on sidewalks and cross the streets at corners only.

Limit 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.

Observe all treats, and dispose of any that appear to have been opened, tampered with, or are not fully wrapped.

Wear fitted costumes to prevent tripping and blocked vision.

Ensure that older kids are trick-or-treating with a group of friends.

Ensure that your children carry glow sticks, flashlights, or wear reflective clothing when trick-or-treating in the dark.

Never allow children to go trick-or-treating alone or to visit a home with no lights on.



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. Cats are especially at a high risk of 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 candy bowls on the ground.