

Halloween Safety



Since our next safety topic is scheduled for Nov. 1, we thought we'd go ahead and address Halloween, even if it's a little early.

Take precautions so that you can have a fun and SAFE Halloween! According to the National Safety Council, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

Trick or Treating

When Trick or Treating, follow these safety tips:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home.
- Use flashlights, reflective bands, glow sticks or other reflective gear to increase visibility.
- Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home or car.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you.
- Agree on a specific time when children should return home.
- Both children and adults should put electronic devices down, keep heads up, and walk (don't run) across the street.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and to stick with their friends.
- Treats should be reviewed for opened containers / questionable condition.



Driving

If you can avoid driving on Halloween, then do so. If you are driving on Halloween, follow these safety tips:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

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Some extra precautions you can take include:

- Virtual parties, parades, costume unveilings or pumpkin carving contests
- Host outdoor parties
- Wipe down treats or let them sit for a couple of days before opening
- Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer

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