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SAFETY MESSAGE 17-01

Halloween Safety

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween. Using safety tips and some common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season, keeping it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you! There are many simple ways to help keep safe on Halloween, when accidents and injuries are more likely to occur. Halloween also provides a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity, and focus on **SAFETY**.

Ensure to follow these Halloween Safety Tips:

- S** Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A** Avoid letting your kids trick-or-treat alone. Ensure they are in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes to help drivers see you and your kids.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before letting your kids eat them.

- H** Have flashlights for your children while trick-or-treating to help them see and others see them.
- A** Always test make-up first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks when possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- w** Weather conditions might change, so be vigilant, **SAFETY FIRST!!!**
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Entering homes should be with an adult. Don't stop at dark houses. Kids never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

- 1) Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- 2) Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their physical activity.
- 3) Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in slips, trips or falls.
- 4) Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, dry grass, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.



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For more information on Halloween Safety, visit:

<https://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips>

<http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/halloween-safety.aspx>

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