



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult.

Make sure that your children wear flame retardant costumes, with reflective markings, and with bright colors.

If your children are going to be out after dark, make sure they carry a flashlight.

Instruct your children to visit only houses where the lights are on, and leave your porch light on so children will know it's OK to visit your home.

Instruct your children to walk on sidewalks and driveways, and to cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk, and not to step into the street from between parked cars.

Instruct your children not to accept -- and, especially, not to eat -- anything that isn't commercially wrapped.

Instruct children never to eat anything until they are home and the treats have been carefully examined.

Be careful with fruit. Cut and wash fruit before eating.

Throw away anything unwrapped. Check the wrappers of commercial treats for evidence of tampering, such as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers.

Throw away anything that looks suspicious.

Again for their own safety, children shouldn't snack while they are out trick-or-treating. They should wait until they get home and you have had a chance to inspect the goodies. To help prevent your children from munching, give them a snack or light meal before they go -- don't send them out on an empty stomach.



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