

Halloween Safety Tips

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Before long ghosts and goblins will appear at your door shouting the familiar phrase, "trick or treat." To ensure that all children have a safe, fun-filled Halloween, follow these tips.

When buying a costume, hat, mask, beard or wig, look for the Flame Resistant label. Although this label doesn't mean an item won't

catch fire, it indicates items resist burning and should extinguish quickly when away from the ignition source.

To reduce children's contact with candles or other ignition sources, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts. Tie hats

and scarves securely to keep them from slipping over a child's eyes and obstructing vision. Be sure costumes and accessories fit securely and aren't cumbersome.

Buy or make costumes that are light or bright enough to be visible to motorists at dusk and in the dark.

Be sure costumes are short enough to keep children from tripping or falling. Also, children should wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes. Oversized high heels aren't a good idea.

Consider make-up or a non-toxic face paint as an alternative to a mask that doesn't allow good visibility. If children do wear masks, cut the eyeholes large enough to give youngsters full visibility. Also, cut noseholes large enough so as not to hamper breathing.

To give children more visibility during dusk and darkness, trim costumes and treat collection bags with reflective tape that glows from a car's headlights. Reflective tape usually is available in hardware, bicycle and sporting goods stores.

Don't allow children to carry knives, swords or other props unless these are soft and flexible. Give trick-or-treaters flashlights so they can see better and are clearly seen by others.

Have children restrict trick-or-treat calls to homes with porch, outside or interior lights on as a sign of welcome. Advise children not to enter homes or apartments and to use the "buddy system," rather than go anywhere alone.

Caution children to use the sidewalk or walk toward on-coming traffic. Warn them not to run out from between parked cars or across lawns and yards where they might trip over items.

Give each child change for a phone call should a problem develop away from home.

Be sure an adult or older, responsible child accompanies young children as they go about the neighborhood in search of treats. Teach children that tricks should never be a part of the Halloween tradition.

For children who've aged out of trick-or-treating, develop alternative activities such as a costume party, a group outing to the movie, or treats for a hospital, nursing home and retirement or assisted-living center.

Provide adult supervision at Halloween gatherings to prevent accidents or excessive misbehaviors.

To make your home safer for visiting trick-or-treaters, turn on porch and outside lights. Also, remove obstacles or breakable items from the yard, steps, porches and around the doorway.

Keep candle-light Jack-O'-Lanterns away from steps, or landings where costumes might brush against the flame and catch fire.

Warn children not to eat any treat before it's inspected to assure that it hasn't been tampered with and the safety seal is intact. Be especially careful with fruit; wash and cut it

open before allowing a child to eat it.

Carefully examine toys or novelty items children receive. Don't allow children under three years old to have any toys or novelty items small enough to be a choking hazard.

For more information on Halloween safety, contact the Rockcastle Cooperative Extension Service at 256-2403.

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