

Have a Safe Halloween

Halloween is a fun-filled, spooky and sweet holiday for children. However, Halloween can also be a potentially dangerous event. Danger can be avoided with awareness and forethought.

Here are some tips to keep in mind for children to have a safe Halloween:

- Choose light-colored costumes or use retro-reflective tape on the costume and treat bag that are visible in the dark to both pedestrians and vehicles.
- Use makeup rather than a mask so it is easier to see.
- Trick-or-treat while it is still light outside.
- Have an older sibling or parent go with young children and have older children trick-or-treat in a group.
- Plan your trick-or-treat route ahead of time on streets that are well lit and always stay on the sidewalk.
- Carry a flashlight and always cross streets at corners; never from between parked cars or mid-block.
- Look and listen for traffic before crossing the street.
- Never go into a stranger's house.
- Have children wait until they get home to sort, check and eat their treats.
- Throw away any treats that are not wrapped and sealed by a food company.
- Notify the police if you find any suspicious treats.