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Halloween Safety (for parents)

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little scary. Concerns about children's safety, whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bountiful bags of goodies, can cast a spell on the evening's festivities. But not to worry! Follow these safety tips so everyone can have a good time.

Making your home "Halloween Safe"

- ❖ Welcome trick-or-treaters by turning on your exterior lights
- ❖ Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors
- ❖ Make sure adults are watching as children safely arrive and leave your home to avoid unseen hazards

Making Safe Costumes

- ❖ Make sure your children's costumes are flame resistant so they aren't in danger around jack-o-lantern or candles
- ❖ Keep costumes short to prevent slip/trip hazards
- ❖ Encourage your children to wear comfortable shoes
- ❖ Use makeup instead of a mask. Masks obstruct your children's view which could be dangerous crossing streets
- ❖ Make sure your children wear light colors or adhere reflective tape for motorists to see them

Preparing for Trick-Or-Treating

- ❖ Make sure older kids go with friends. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult
- ❖ Map out a route so everyone knows where they are going and what time to be back
- ❖ Remind children not to enter a strange house or car
- ❖ Try to trick-or-treat while it is still light out. If it is dark, ensure everyone has a working flashlight
- ❖ Don't eat opened candies or treats not in their original wrappers. Inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious