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Halloween Safety Safety Checklist

Halloween is a cherished tradition but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. There is no real “trick” to making Halloween a real “treat” for the entire family. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian / car crashes.



Did You Know?

- Four times as many children aged 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year.
- Falls are the leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween.

Complete the Following Check List

- ◇ **My costume is short and snug.**
Baggy cloths or capes can trip you up and catch fire if they brush against jack-o-lanterns or candles.
- ◇ **My costume props are flexible.**
Costume props can hurt you badly if you fall. Make sure swords, knives, etc. are made of plastic or rubber.
- ◇ **The eye holes in my mask are wide enough.**
Make sure your mask fits properly and the eye holes allow you to see fully. Even better, paint your face instead of wearing a mask.
- ◇ **Drivers can see my costume in the dark.**
Be original with a glow-in-the-dark costume. Brighten your costume by attaching some reflective tape or stickers.
- ◇ **I'm trick-or-treating in a group.**
Don't go alone while trick-or-treating. If you're under the age 13, make sure you go with an adult. Older kids should always go in a group.
- ◇ **Cross streets at crosswalks and intersections.**
Stop at street corners. Look left, right and left again before crossing, and don't cross between parked cars.
- ◇ **Make sure parents check treats before eating any.**
Pick only wrapped candy when you trick-or-treat. Ask parents to check all treats to make sure they are safe.

*Have fun and
be safe!*

Fact Sheet