



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. MAKE SURE TRICK-OR-TREATERS CAN SEE AND BE SEEN.

- Give children a flashlight to light their way.
- Have everyone wear light-colored clothing. Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags so kids are easier to see in the dark.
- Use flame-resistant costumes.

2. CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER TRICK OR TREAT ALONE.

- Plan the trick-or-treat route in advance.
- A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children door-to-door in neighborhoods.

3. WALK ONLY ON THE SIDEWALKS, NOT IN THE STREET.

- Walk, don't run.
- Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner. Don't cross between parked cars.
- Never walk through alleys or cut across yards. Only cross the street in designated crosswalks.
- Adults should use extra caution if driving. Trick-or-treaters are excited and may forget to look both ways before crossing.

4. ACCEPT TREATS AT THE DOOR - NEVER GO INSIDE.

- It's not only vampires and monsters children have to look out for. Be cautious around animals, especially dogs.

5. MAKE SURE A GROWN-UP CHECKS THE GOODIES BEFORE EATING.

- Make sure to remove loose candy, open packages and choking hazards.
- Discard any items with brand names that you are not familiar with.

6. LEAVE THE PUMPKIN CARVING TO ADULTS.

- Small children should never carve pumpkins. Instead, let them draw a face with markers.
- Use a flashlight or glowstick to light the pumpkin instead of a candle.

Source: NYC Administration for Children's Services & American Red Cross

The District Attorney's Action Center

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