



MAKE SAFE HAPPEN®

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

SAFE COSTUMES:

- Choose costumes made of fire-resistant fabrics. Also, lighter colors are better, because they make kids easier to see at night.
- Make sure your child's costume is a good fit. Pants, shoes and capes that are too big can cause kids to trip and fall.
- Try nontoxic face paint or makeup instead of a mask; it'll be easier for your child to see and breathe. Make sure to test it on your kids before the big day to make sure it doesn't irritate their skin.
- Be sure that swords and wands are short and flexible.

GOING TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- Kids under 12 should go with an adult.
- Bring flashlights, glow sticks or reflective goodie bags or buckets, and add some reflective tape to costumes to stay visible.
- When going from house to house, stay on the sidewalk and off the road. If there aren't sidewalks, walk facing traffic and as far to the side as possible.
- Use well-lit, marked crosswalks and never cross the road between parked cars.
- Check your children's treats to make sure there isn't anything they could choke on like gum or hard candies.

DECORATING YOUR HOME:

- Have children paint pumpkins while an adult does the carving.
- Take the fire hazard out of your jack-o'-lantern by lighting it with a glow stick.
- If you do use a real candle to light your pumpkin, a votive is safest. Place the pumpkin on a sturdy surface away from kids, pets, curtains and flammable objects, and blow the candle out before you leave the room.
- Keep your porch and yard brightly lit and free of obstacles for trick-or-treaters.

DOWNLOAD THE MAKE SAFE HAPPEN APP

Developed in partnership with the safety experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the app helps you make your home safer. Get room-by-room safety checklists, link to recommended products, and set reminders.



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