

What precautions should I take in keeping my children safe this Halloween?

Halloween is fast approaching and with this holiday comes a night full of excitement, make believe, and treats. It's easy in the midst of the enthusiasm to throw caution to the wind, but parents are encouraged to take a few precautionary measures to assure that you and your family have a safe and happy Halloween. It's recommended that parents assist their children in picking out fire proof Halloween costumes that contain large eye holes to assure good peripheral vision. If your child will be caring around a prop, check to make sure that the tips are smooth and the prop itself is flexible and won't cause injury.

Children are encouraged to Trick-or-Treat during daylight hours and should be accompanied by an adult in the evening. Parents should plan a Trick-or-Treat route for their children, avoiding dim-lit homes. Older children should Trick-or-Treat in groups and should provide parents with an estimated time of when they will return home. Providing your child with a flashlight or glow stick will also prove helpful and alert traffic of their presence. Instruct your children not to consume any of their candy until they return home and you are able to inspect it. Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about the dangers of talking to strangers and how they should never get into a stranger's car. Preparing in advance for this magical night will allow your family to treasure the memories.