

# Halloween Safety Tips for Kids and Parents



- ✚ Make sure all costumes are flame resistant, so the little ones aren't in danger near burning jack-o lanterns and other fire hazards.
- ✚ Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- ✚ Instead of a mask try make-up. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and they impair vision. Kids need to be able to see going up and down steps and crossing streets.
- ✚ Make sure costumes are light in color.
- ✚ Trick or treaters should walk in groups so they aren't a tempting target for real life Goblins. Parents should always accompany children.
- ✚ Make sure older kids trick or treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they'll be. Tell them to stop only at homes they are familiar with and where the outside lights are on.
- ✚ Try to finish trick or treating before dark. If it is dark, make sure someone has a flashlight and stay on well lighted streets.
- ✚ Make use of reflective tape, glow in the dark materials, and/or flashing lights, in order to be more visible to motorists.
- ✚ Make sure kids know not to get in strange cars or enter stranger's houses.
- ✚ Make sure kids understand not to eat any candy they collect until it can be inspected at home. Feed your little ghosts and goblins just before they go out.
- ✚ Check out all treats in a well lighted place.
- ✚ Only eat unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. By all means, remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for awhile.

**Halloween can be fun for parents and kids alike-if everybody remembers the tricks and treats of playing it safe.**