

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is fast approaching. Kids love to dress up, get together with friends, and go door-to-door hoping to find the full size candy bar. Halloween is the second highest grossing commercial holiday after Christmas. Children are more likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. A little pre-planning can prevent unfortunate accidents that could turn out to be tragic for kids and trying for you. Here are some pointers for ensuring your house is a safe place for trick-or-treaters on October. 31.

Keep Kids Safe

- Never go into a strangers home
- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision
- Don't eat homemade candy unless you know the family
- Wear reflective clothing
- Have a flash light
- Look at all wrapped candy, if it has been opened toss it out
- Develop a route with your parents
- Go in a group of kids
- Set a curfew

Safety For Pets

Make sure your pet is in a safe and comfortable space or take them to a secure, relaxing location for the evening.

Home Safety

- Clean up your yard
- Make a clear well illuminated path to your door
- Remember that a lot of Halloween decorations like dried flowers, straw and crepe paper are highly flammable. Make sure to keep your decorations away from all open flames
- Make sure all outside lights are in good working order
- If you have a large display make sure electric cords are taped or secure to prevent tripping
- Practice indoor fire safety by checking all smoke detectors. Make sure candles are placed in a secure area
- Make sure windows and doors are locked at all times
- It's never a good idea to answer the door after a certain time

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