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Trick or Treat Safety Tips







Costumes

-  Dress your kids in a bright costume so others can see them. If their costume is dark, have your kids wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight.
-  Ensure costumes aren't so long that they can trip over them.
-  Instead of masks, have your kids wear make-up so they can see better. If your child insists on masks make sure the eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision.
-  Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.

Candy

-  Check your kids' candy before they eat it. Throw out any candy that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.
-  Tell your kids to never accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
-  Make sure your kids have tons of fun and get lots and lots of candy.

Other Safety Tips

-  Accompany your kids if you don't think they're old enough to trick-or-treat on their own. If they're old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult, tell your kids to stay in a group.
-  Designate a route before your kids begin trick-or-treating, and make sure they stick to it.
-  Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around. They should also avoid taking short-cuts through alleys and parking lots.
-  Ensure your kids only visit houses with lights on. And, suggest the houses they visit have some sort of Halloween decoration on the porch.
-  Make sure your kids don't go inside someone's house. They can get their candy from the porch or doorway.
-  Encourage your kids to follow all the regular rules for walking around. Including looking both ways before crossing, obeying all traffic laws and using cross walks and crossing lights where available.

