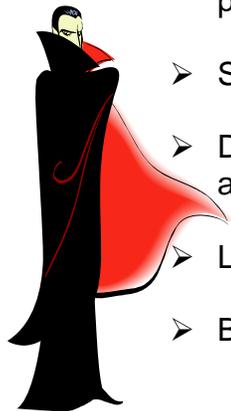


SAFETY RULES FOR KIDS



Always Remember!

- Wear costumes that are short enough so that you do not trip.
- Decorate costumes with reflective tape.
- Shoes should fit well so you don't fall.
- When you go out, carry a glow stick or flashlight with new batteries.
- It can be hard to see out of a mask, so use makeup or face paint instead.
- Trick or treat in groups with a trusted adult – it's safer and more fun.
- Carry a cellular phone with you, if possible.
- Visit only houses with the lights on.
- Don't eat any treats unless they are checked by a parent or the adult looking after you.



- Be alert and aware of what's going on around you.
- Watch out for cars. Remember that it may be hard for drivers to see you.
- Stay on well lit streets and always walk on the sidewalk.
- Walk, don't run, and obey all traffic signs.
- Never take shortcuts through backyards, laneways or parks.
- Do not go into anyone's car or house, even if you know the person.
- Stay away from lit pumpkins.
- Do not approach pets or other animals.
- Leave your ipod at home.
- Be polite and say "thank you."



Halloween Safety Tips

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Trick Or Treat Safety Tips

Trick or Treating is a lot of fun, but it can also be dangerous. Using safety tips and common sense can help make the evening enjoyable.

Remember the excitement at this time of year sometimes makes us all forget to be careful.

A parent or responsible adult should **always** take young children on their neighbourhood rounds.

Have your children carry a cell phone if possible. Notify police immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.



PARENTS

- Parents should always accompany children when they are trick or treating.
- Make sure that your children wear costumes that are bright and reflective, and short enough to prevent tripping.
- Purchase flame resistant costumes, wigs, and accessories.
- Make sure that emergency identification is secured discreetly within your child's Halloween costume.
- It is best not to have your children wear masks. Face paint is a safer alternative.
- Have children carry flashlights with new batteries.
- Teach children their home phone number and how to call 911 if there is an emergency or they become lost.
- Avoid using candles in pumpkins. Consider using battery powered lanterns or chemical light sticks.
- Children should have a proper meal before heading out to trick or treat. This will discourage them from eating treats before they are properly checked.
- Watch out for traffic; motorists may have a hard time seeing you.
- Wait until children are home before you sort and check treats. A responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped, or suspicious items.
- Make sure treats that can cause choking are given only to children of appropriate age.
- Plan your entire route before heading out and make sure family members know it.



Remember to **STOP, DROP** and **ROLL** if your clothing catches fire:

STOP immediately,

DROP to the ground and cover your face,

ROLL over and over until the flames go out.

FUN ALTERNATIVES

Find special events to attend instead of house to house trick or treating.

Look for a community centre or places that are hosting organized festivities.

Throw your own party.

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