

Halloween Safety Tips



Halloween, the children's night for Trick or Treats . . . Ghosts and Goblins . . . Haunts and Horrors. Unfortunately, some of the horrors are all too real! Every year, on Halloween, many children suffer from auto accidents, fire injuries, falls, cuts, bruises or poisoned treats. Be aware and be informed so your children can have a safe, enjoyable Halloween.

Supervise your children's evening, and stay in neighborhoods that are well-lit and familiar.

RISKY ROADWAYS

- ◆ Children become careless from excitement and may run into the road.
- ◆ Dusk is the time of poorest visibility for drivers. Try to Trick or Treat while it is still daylight.
- ◆ Choose a costume that is easy to walk in, easy to see out of and can be seen by car drivers.
- ◆ If the Trick or Treating lasts into the night, wear a light colored costume.
- ◆ Use reflective tape on the costume for additional visibility.

DANGEROUS DRESS

- ◆ Loose costumes, oversized bags or unsafe shoes can cause falls or accidents.
- ◆ Masks reduce vision.
- ◆ Sharp or pointed toy weapons are unsafe.
- ◆ If wearing a mask, choose one that is cool, comfortable and easy to see out of. Take off the mask before crossing the street. Better yet, wear make-up instead of a mask.

FRIGHTFUL FLAMES

- ◆ Billowing costumes are dangerous around an open flame.
- ◆ Flowing false-hair wigs are unsafe around candles.
- ◆ Wigs and costumes should be of non-flammable materials.
- ◆ Use a flashlight. It makes children more visible and lights their way.

TREACHEROUS TREATS

- ◆ It's sad, but true, that some people wish to cause harm. Treats must be checked for potential poisoning or unsafe objects.

**The City of Ann Arbor will be celebrating
Halloween on Saturday, October 31, 2009
from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.**