



Halloween Safety Tips

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The American Red Cross has some useful safety tips to help make the spooky holiday safe and fun for kids.

"Whether you're out trick-or-treating or welcoming visitors at your door, a few safety precautions can make the evening both fun and worry-free," said Isabel Anderson, spokesperson for the Red Cross Cascades Region in Oregon. "These tips help ensure everyone gets home safely — with plenty of treats and smiles to show for it."

Here are some smart tips for a safe Halloween.

- Trick-or-treaters need to see and be seen.
- Consider using face makeup instead of a mask. Masks can block little one's view and make it difficult to see.
- Give trick-or-treaters a flashlight to light their way.
- Use flame-resistant costumes.
- Trick-or-treat routes and Halloween parties often include candles, fire pits, and decorative lighting. Kids' costumes often have loose sleeves, capes, or tulle skirts — so flame resistance adds vital protection.
- Walk only on the sidewalks, not in the street.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the edge of the roadway, facing traffic.
- Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner.
- Don't cut across yards or use alleys.
- Don't cross between parked cars.
- Drivers: Use extra caution. Kids and teens may forget to look both ways before crossing.
- If you're handing out treats, turn your porch light on and make sure there's a clear path to your porch.
- Turn on outdoor lights so trick-or-treaters can avoid any obstacles
- A grown-up should check the goodies before eating.
- Make sure to remove loose candy, open packages and choking hazards.
- Discard any items with brand names that you are not familiar with.
- Before anyone enjoys their candy haul, adults should inspect treats and remove any loose candy, open packages, or potential choking hazards. Discard any unfamiliar or unbranded items.

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