



Halloween Safety Tips

Trick or Treating (Before and After)

- Always trick-or-treat with an adult.
- Remind trick or treaters to obey all traffic rules and regulations.
- Carry flashlights or glow sticks, so they can see and be seen by others. Check the batteries before you leave.
- Remind your children to walk and not run and to cross streets at a designated crosswalk or light. Look left, right and left again when crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers and watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- Clearly explain to children never to enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Go only to homes with porch lights on to signal that trick or treaters are welcome.
- Let children know that no treats are not to be eaten until they have been thoroughly checked by an adult at home.
- Wait and check all treats when children get home. Throw away any suspicious items or items that could cause choking.
- Learn or review CPR skills so you can assist someone who is choking or may have a heart attack.
- Teach children to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.

- Prepare your pets for a night of frightful sights and sounds. All household pets should be wearing identification tags.

Costumes

- Use only flame retardant paper or fabric for costumes.
- Pick costumes that are bright and reflective and clearly visible to motorists.
- Loose, frilly costumes can catch fire easily. Make sure costumes fit well and are short, so children or adults don't trip or fall in them.
- Wear well-fitting, sturdy supportive shoes for the Halloween festivities.
- Consider using reflective tape on costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Wear face paint and make-up; a mask can restrict vision.
- Use soft flexible materials for costume accessories, such as swords and knives.
- Review the Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll concept with your children, in the event that their clothes did catch on fire.

Decorating

- Do not overload electrical outlets with lighting or special effects.
- Keep Jack O' Lanterns away from flammable materials, such as draperies or decorations, and away from where children will be standing or walking.
- Never cover bulbs with paper or combustible materials.
- Make sure all cloth and paper used in decorations are flame retardant.
- Remember to check your smoke detectors and change your batteries, on November 4, when you change your clock for Daylight Savings! Smoke Alarms save lives.

Follow these few simple TIPS (Think Injury Prevention and Safety) from the Thornton Fire Department and have a HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

For more information on Halloween Safety visit – www.safekids.org.