

The Safety & Health Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing



**Costume:** Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.

Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.

Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)


- If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retroreflective tape on costumes will make children visible.

**Face Design:** Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead.

- When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients



that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic." Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.

-  If masks are worn, they need nose & mouth openings & large eye holes.

**On the Way:** Children should understand and follow these rules:

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk, do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street. Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.



## Halloween Safety Tips



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# Halloween Safety Tips from The Safety & Health Council

**Parents:** Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should:



- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and **never** to enter a stranger's home.



Establish a return time.



Tell your youngsters not to eat any treat until they return home.



- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.

Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

**Accessories:** Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.



Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.

- Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen more clearly.



**Treats:** To ensure a safe trick-or-treat outing, parents are urged to:

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.



Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.

**When in doubt, throw it out.**