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Halloween Safety Tips to help you have a happy and safe day

PARENTAL TIPS

- An adult should always accompany children under 12 years of age.
- Do not use open flame candles in jack-o-lanterns. Commercially available battery lights are much safer and do not pose a fire hazard.
- Parents should never let their children carve a pumpkin unsupervised.
- Do not hand out homemade or unwrapped candies to children.
- Parents should plan a route for your child to use while trick-or-treating and set an early return time for your child.
- To welcome trick-or-treaters, switch on your porch lights or any exterior lights.

TRICK OR TREAT TIPS

- Do not go inside anyone's house. Remain on the stoop or porch at all times.
- Do not go into a stranger's automobile.
- Do not take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.
- Walk don't run.
- When crossing the street look both ways. Do not cross in between cars.
- Always use the sidewalk.
- Trick-or-treat on well-lit streets within your neighborhood.
- Children should always travel in a group.
- Use the buddy system, and make sure you have at least one buddy with you the entire evening.
- When you return home, have an adult examine and discard all candies that are not factory sealed or wrapped by the candy manufacturer. Never eat homemade or unwrapped treats.
- Never accept candy from strangers.
- Children should carry spare change in case of an emergency and they need to call home.

COSTUME TIPS

- Only purchase and use flame retardant costumes.
- Children should wear white, reflective clothing, or use reflective tape and carry either a flashlight or glow stick.
- Costumes should fit properly avoid loose or baggy costumes.
- Avoid any type of open flame while wearing costume.
- Encourage children to wear face paint as oppose to a mask. Face paint should be non-toxic and meet FDA standards.

- If mask is worn, make sure that the eye, mouth and nose openings are large enough to ensure adequate breathing and full range of vision.
- Children should never carry sharp objects. Ensure that all props are made of material that is flexible and nonrealistic looking.
- Materials made of 100% polyester or modacrylics are best for making homemade costumes. They are less flammable. 100% polyester and modacrylics may be purchased at most local fabric stores.
- **REMEMBER** - A flame-retardant costume does not mean that it is fire proof. Always keep your costume away from any type of open flame or other heat sources.

TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- Be aware of children darting out between parked automobiles.
- Use caution while entering and exiting driveways.
- During twilight and evening hours be mindful of children in dark costumes.

CANDLES

The New York City Fire Department warns the public of the hidden dangers associated with candle use. With the ever increasing use of candles in and around the home either for interior decoration or aromatherapy, it is extremely important to use proper precautionary measures when using them.

Safety tips to help ensure safe candle usage:

- Never leave a lit candle unattended in any room of the house.
- Never leave candles burning when you go to bed.
- Never leave a child or pet alone with a lit candle or any open flame- Children and unattended pets can knock over a candle causing a fire and possible burns. With open flames, such as those on a stove, loose clothing or material can easily catch fire.
- Never use candles near combustible materials such as curtains, drapes, bedding and or cabinets.
- Never spray an aerosol can near an open flame.
- If you are going to use candles, make sure they sit properly in holders on a flat stable non-flammable surface.

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