

# TOWN WATCH INTEGRATED SERVICES

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR ALL AGES



Halloween is a great time to talk about safety. Safety is everyone's concern! Trick-or-treat time is the perfect opportunity to start a Town Watch in your neighborhood. You can greet your neighbors one by one. Give everyone a copy of this brochure:



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**It is tragic for a child to have any kind of accident at any time. Children are four times more likely to be injured on Halloween.**

**Everyone wants all children to have a safe and happy Halloween.**

**Knowing some safety tips can enable us to protect our children and make the Halloween season fun for all.**

**Inside this guide, you'll find a list of ideas to help make the most of everyone's HALLOWEEN!**

Do not obstruct vision:  
Tie hat or scarf's securely.

Costumes:  
Wigs and beards should be Flame resistant.

Carry a flashlight to see and be seen

Well fitting costumes and shoes prevent falling

Use cosmetics makeup or wear properly fitted mask.

Decorate costumes with reflective tape for better visibility.

Examine all treats before eating.

Glow sticks can be attached to costumes, glow necklaces and bracelets can be used for added safety



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### **A few Halloween safety tips:**

from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission can help protect children who plan to go trick-or-treating this Halloween.



### **Treats:**

Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering. When in doubt, throw it out.

### **Flame Resistant Costumes:**

When purchasing a costume, masks, beards, and wigs, look for the label Flame Resistant. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source.

To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

### **Costume Designs:**

Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights.

Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.

To see easily and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.

Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.

Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Mother's high heels are not a good idea for safe walking. Hats and scarves should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.



Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision. Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.

### **Pedestrian Safety:**

Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child.

All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street.

Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

### **Choosing Safe Houses:**

Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.

People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches.

Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.