

# Halloween “Trick or Treat” Safety Tips

**Have a fun and safe Halloween!**

## Costume safety

- Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with reflective tape and give each child a flashlight. Carry a glow stick that can be worn around the neck or wrist.
- Make sure your child can see. Use face paint instead of masks.
- To prevent falling, costumes should not be longer than your child’s ankle.



## Trick or treating safety

- Walk in groups and stay together. Visit houses on one side of the street at a time.
- Cross only at an intersection or at a marked crosswalk.
- Never walk out between cars to cross the street and never cross in the middle of the block.
- Children should stay in populated and well-lit areas and only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should never go inside any house.
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergencies.
- Examine your children’s candy before they eat it. Throw out any treats that are not wrapped.



## Driving safety

- If you are driving on Halloween night, be extra careful. Slow down and look ahead. Be aware of your surroundings. Children are excited on Halloween and may forget some of the safety rules.
- Pay more attention to intersections and crosswalks.
- Be prepared to stop for kids who may run out in front of you.
- Remember that there will be more foot traffic on Halloween night and most of it will be excited young children.
- If you are going to be attending an office party or an adult Halloween celebration, don’t drive if you have been drinking.

**An adult should always supervise younger children.**