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Halloween Safety

Tips For Parents

- Know the route your kids will be taking if you are not going with them
- The sure bet is to make sure that an adult is going with the children
- Know what other activities your child may be attending, such as parties or mall functions
- Make sure that you set a time that your children should be home and make sure that your children understand the importance for them to be home on time
- Explain to your children the difference between tricks and vandalism
- Explain to your children that animal cruelty is not acceptable and is punishable by law for harming animals

Safety Tips For Children

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, reflective, and the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision
- If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kid's costumes won't accidentally catch on fire
- Treating your children to a good spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy that they collected before you have a chance to inspect the candy
- Teaching your children basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing the street and only crossing when the crosswalk light directs them to.

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