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## Halloween Safety

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for children. Be sure to talk to your little goblins about Halloween safety, these safety tips can help ensure the safety of **children of all ages**.

- Do not use masks. Masks make it hard for children to see what's around them, including cars. Try a hypoallergenic non-toxic make-up kit instead (less likely to cause an allergic reaction).
- Make or buy costumes in light-coloured material.
- Place strips of reflective tape on the back and front of costumes, so that drivers can better see your child.
- Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Avoid items such as oversized shoes, high heels, long dresses and long capes.
- Dress your child for the weather. Add layers if needed.
- Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult for trick or treating.
- Keep in mind that gum and hard candy can pose a choking risk for young children.
- Remove make-up before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until you have looked them over.
- Be careful when giving children any treats that could be potential choking hazards such as chewy candies, peanuts and hard candies.
- Check toys or novelty items for small parts and do not let children under three years of age play with them.
- Keep your children safe by teaching them to stay visible and to be aware of their surroundings.
- Give each child a flashlight to carry, to make them more visible to motorists and others.
- Tell your children to stay in well-lit areas and only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Make sure they know never to go inside homes or cars.
- Teach your children to be careful when crossing the street. Make sure they look both ways and only cross when no cars are coming. Cross streets at the corner, and never cross between parked cars



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