

Halloween Safety Tips

- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Discard damaged sets. Do not overload extension cords.
- Keep pets inside and away from trick-or-treaters and lit candles, especially if they are easily frightened or become over-excited in the presence of strangers.

Driving on Halloween

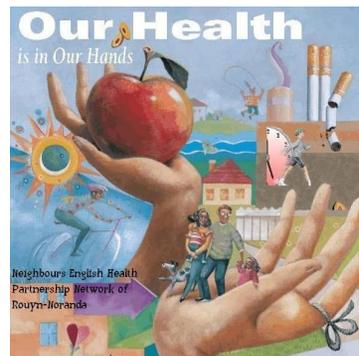
- When driving on Halloween, remember that popular trick-or-treat hours (particularly for younger children) are during typical rush hour periods – so slow down and stay alert in residential areas.

Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

**Be Safe
Have Fun!**



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Costume Safety

- October 31 can be a chilly night so make sure that costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing but not so baggy or long that trick or treaters can trip over their costumes.
- Trick-or-treaters should wear sturdy walking shoes.
- Choose brightly-coloured costumes that will be clearly visible to motorists. For greater visibility, add or incorporate reflective tape into the costume.
- Make-up and face paint are better than wearing masks which can restrict breathing and/or vision. If you choose to use a mask make sure it is one that allows the child to see and breathe easily.
- Swords, knives and similar accessories should be made of soft, flexible material.
- Avoid costumes with baggy sleeves or flowing skirts to minimize the risk of contact with candles and other fire sources.



Trick-or-Treat!



- Parents should accompany their children each year until the children are old enough to go by themselves. Still, safety-minded parents can follow along at a distance to keep an eye on the children.
- Children should stay in well-lit areas and should only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should never go inside homes or cars.
- Children should walk, not run, from house to house and stay on the sidewalk or at the side of the road facing traffic, cross the road at the corner and look both ways before crossing the road.
- Tell your children not to eat any goodies until you see them.
- Once home throw out any treats that are not wrapped, those in torn or loose packages, or any that have small holes in the wrappers.

Decorating Your House



- Children too young for trick-or-treating can dress up in costume and help answer the door with a parent nearby.
- Small children should never carve pumpkins. Instead, let your child draw a face on the pumpkin.
- Make your home safe for trick-or-treaters. Remove all objects around the outside of your house that could cause children to trip or fall. Turn your outside light on so children will know they can visit your home.
- Keep candles, jack-o-lanterns, matches and lighters in a place that children cannot reach.
- If using decorative lights indoors or outdoors, use lights certified by a recognized organization such as the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or the Underwriters' Laboratory of Canada (ULC or C-UL). overload extension cords.