



Halloween Fire Safety Tips

Costume Safety Tips

- Costumes should be flame retardant. If creating your own costume, choose material that will not easily ignite.
- Always keep your costume away from any type of open flame. **A flame retardant costume does not mean that is it fire proof.**
- All props should be material that is flexible. Children should never carry sharp objects or carry flaming devices.
- If wearing face paint, paint should be non-toxic.
- If a mask is worn, make sure it fits securely and that you have a full range of vision. Also make sure that the mouth and nose openings are large enough to ensure adequate breathing.
- Children should carry a flashlight or a glow-stick to make sure they can be seen by drivers.

Trick or Treating Safety Tips

- Children should always travel in groups.
- An adult should accompany children under 12 years of age.
- Stay near home or in a familiar neighborhood.
- Always use the sidewalk.
- When crossing the street look both ways.
- Do not go inside anyone's home or into a stranger's car.
- Have an adult examine candy before eating it and get rid of any candies that are not sealed.
- Do not eat any treats that are not purchased from a store.

Safety Tips for Parents

- Instruct your children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources.
- Be sure your children know how to stop, drop, and roll in the event their clothing catches fire.
- Plan a route for your child to use and set an early return time if not accompanying your child.
- Instruct children who are attending Halloween parties to locate the exits.
- Do not let your children carve a pumpkin unsupervised.

Safety Tips for Your Home

- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating your walkways and yards as they are much safer for trick-or-treaters.
- Keep your decorations away from all open flames and heat sources such as light bulbs and heaters.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations to ensure a safe escape route in the event of a fire.
- Use flashlights or battery-operated candles to illuminate Jack-o-Lanterns. Be extremely cautious if using candles for Jack-o-Lantern. Extinguish them before leaving them unattended and before going to sleep.