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Safety Tips For Halloween



Prepare Children Before Trick-or-Treating:

- NEVER allow children to go trick-or-treating alone.
 - Young children should be with you or another trusted adult.
 - Older children should use the buddy system.
- Write down your full name and phone number, and give it to your child.
- Have your child carry a glow stick or flash light.
- Make a plan of where to meet or who to call if your child gets lost.
- Discuss with your child how to cross the street safely.
- Remind your child not to approach a car unless he/she is with you.
- Remind your child that he/she shouldn't go into a house unless you have given your child permission.
- Warn your child not to approach a house that isn't well lit.
- Warn your child to scream and run away from anyone who tries to grab your child or lure him/her with special treats.

Be a Part of Your Child's Halloween Experience:

- Go with young children to the door of every house they approach.
- Plan your child's trick-or-treating route, and try to make sure you are familiar with the area and the neighbors.
- Caution children to report strange incidents to a trusted adult.
- Try to inspect all treats before your child eats them, and dispose of anything opened or damaged.

Costume Children for Safety:

- Have your child wear costumes or masks that are marked as flame resistant.
- Make sure your child is able to see and breathe properly when wearing a mask.