

# **HALLOWEEN SAFETY**



**Every Halloween, children take to the streets for fun and candy. The County Los Angeles Fire Department wants everyone to stay safe and has helpful tips for you and your family while you trick-or-treat.**

## **STAY SAFE ON HALLOWEEN**

- Only visit homes with outside lights on, and never go inside to accept any candy.
- Walk on sidewalks or at the edge of the roadway, if no sidewalk is available.
- Cross streets only at the corners. Don't cross between parked cars and always look both ways before entering the street.
- Do not enter dark alleys or cut across unlit yards. Make sure you are visible at all times.
- Keep your home well-lit and clear from obstacles that someone can trip over.
- Use only-battery operated candles or glow sticks to light pumpkins or other objects.
- Be certain that all smoke alarms in the house are in proper working order.
- Make sure that a grown-up checks all of the candy before eating. Remove any unwrapped or loose candy or any items that look like they are unsafe to eat.

## **COSTUME SAFETY**

- Make sure your costumes are flame-resistant and stay away from open flames.
- Make sure that your costume is visible and you can be seen when it is dark outside.
- Light-colored costumes are easier to see when it gets dark, and is more visible to drivers.
- Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- Using make-up, instead of a mask, makes it easier to see traffic and safety hazards
- If your costume uses a mask, make certain the eye openings are large enough, so that you can see clearly in all directions.
- Give flashlights to kids. It will help light their way and make them more visible when crossing the street.



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