

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



Halloween Safety Tips

- ''' **When choosing a costume**, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- ''' **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- ''' **Walk Safely!**
Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run across streets.
- ''' **It is safest to use** a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- ''' **Remember** to cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- ''' **Drive Extra Safely on Halloween!**
Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

Inspect your Halloween candy

Have an adult examine all Halloween treats before children eat them.

Did you know?



On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car or injured on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

