



Halloween Safety

Halloween is a great time of year for many children. Like many other activities, Halloween will look different this year during the COVID-19 pandemic as we all work to keep our families and community safe.

General Safety Tips:

- Young children should always walk with a trusted adult, especially after dark.
- Cross at crosswalks, use sidewalks and use extra care when crossing streets.
- Never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Wear something bright to be sure you can be seen at night (reflective tape, flashlight, glowsticks, etc).
- Avoid costumes with tripping hazards and sharp objects such as sticks, canes or swords.
- Check treats for sealed packaging and remove any treats that may be choking hazards.

Consider fun, low risk activities like:

- Save the pumpkin carving for parents or teens and plan on the little ones decorating pumpkins with markers.
- Walking outside and viewing pumpkins and decorations at other houses from a safe distance.
- Decorating inside and outside your living space.
- Have a virtual Halloween costume contest.
- Participate in a scavenger hunt for Halloween decorations or a costume parade where children can remain outside and physically distanced.

Higher-risk activities include parties and trick-or-treating. Consider making these activities safer.

- Move your party outdoors.
- Limit the number of people.
- Wear a cloth face covering (make it a Halloween spirited one!).

Note: wearing a Halloween mask over a cloth face covering can block vision and can also cause difficulty breathing in some children and should not be done.

- Keep physical distance, 6 feet if possible.
- Avoid sharing beverages and food.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Leave goodie bags for trick-or-treaters so they can pick them up.

For more information, visit:
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween)