

HALLOWEEN

SAFETY TIPS



Safety Gram

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Walk Safely

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
2. Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
3. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
4. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
5. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street on cross between parked cars.
6. Join kids under 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
7. Avoid dark houses.

Costumes for a Safe Halloween

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
2. Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
3. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and seen by drivers.
4. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
5. Stop by the Chemistry Business Office for a treat if you got this far 😊.

Safety Committee

The purpose of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department Safety Committee is to help protect researchers, workers, and students in the department.

Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions about lab safety.

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Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

1. Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
2. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
3. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
4. Get rid of any distractions- like your phone- in your cars so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
5. Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
6. Popular trick-or treating hours are from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Be especially alert for kids during those hours.

After the Treating

1. Examine all treats before eating for signs of tampering (tears, pinholes, discoloration, etc.) before allowing children to eat.
2. Have a Happy Halloween!

The above information was extracted from safekids.org. and poisoncontrol.org

Fun Halloween Statistics

SPENDING ON CANDY, COSUMES, AND DECOR/ PERSON: Millennials: \$183, Gen X: \$70, Baby Boomers: \$23

TOTAL EXPECTED SPENDING FOR 2021 (BILLIONS): Costumes: 3.32, Decorations: 3.17, Candy: 3.00

AN ESTIMATED 65% OF AMERICANS WILL CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

TOP COSTUMES FOR 2021: Spiderman, Princess, Batman, Superhero, Witch, Ghost, Pumpkin, Superman, Zombi

Statistics from National Retail Federation: <https://nrf.com/media-center/press-releases/halloween-spending-soars-celebrations-near-pre-pandemic-levels>

