

Safety Tip of the Month: Halloween Safety

Before you go trick-or-treating, there are some things you need to know about. The safety rules we are going to learn today must be followed so you can have a SAFE and FUN Halloween. Remember: Always use your common sense!

1. Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
2. Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks and low-flying brooms.
3. Cross the street only at corners. Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
4. Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on your bikes, skateboards and brooms, too!)
5. Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
6. Carry a flashlight to light your way.
7. Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
8. Don't stop at **dark houses**. Visit only the homes that have the porch light on.
9. Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
10. Use face paint rather than masks or other decorations that will cover your eyes.
11. Be cautious of animals and strangers.
12. Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.
13. Make a **map** of your trick-or-treat route for your parents.
14. Stay in your own **neighborhood**.
15. Show **respect** for other people and their property.

Have a Happy Halloween!

Source: The American Red Cross.