## Halloween safety Tips

Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year for children, but sometimes the most hectic for parents and guardians.

This Halloween, take a moment to consider basic safety precautions that will make your children's Halloween a safer night of fun.



## BEFORE Halloween

- Choose bright, flame-retardant costumes (Hint – Try adding reflective tape to costumes and candy bags!)
- Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets
- Make sure children know their home phone number and address in case you get separated
- Teach them how to call 911 in an emergency
- Teach children to say "NO!" in a loud voice if someone tries to get them to go somewhere, accept anything other than a treat, or leave with them



## Halloween Night

- Never send younger children out alone – they should be with a parent or guardian, or another trusted adult
- Always walk younger children to the door to receive treats
- Don't let children enter a home unless you are with them
- Be sure children do not approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless you are with them
- Discuss basic pedestrian safety rules when walking to and from houses

## Happy Halloween!

Looking for a fun Halloween project for your children?

Sign them up for **Club UYN®** at **NetSmartzKids .org** where they'll find exclusive activities for club members.





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