



A Place of Safety

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH:

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Thrills Not Chills This Halloween

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but here is a statistic that is truly horrifying! Children are more than twice as likely to be struck by a car and fatally injured on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Here are some essential safety tips to keep Halloween thrilling, but not chilling.



Costume Safety

Be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

👉 Costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire-resistant.

👉 Place reflective tape on costumes and bags or give children glow sticks.

👉 Choose non-toxic makeup over masks, which can obscure vision.

👉 Remove makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

Safety Tips for Motorists

Look out for Trick-or-Treaters.

🚗 Watch for children darting out into the roadway.

🚗 Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

🚗 At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

🚗 Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

Treats Not Tricks

Keep your children safe while Trick-or-Treating.

👉 A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds.

👉 If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you.

👉 Agree on a specific time children should return home.

👉 Teach your children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.

👉 Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return back home to facilitate inspection of contents.

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ASOHMS Corner: Risk Management

The month of October is Fire Prevention Month. As the weather turns colder, we start using heaters, fireplaces, and candles more. The holidays are approaching as well, and that means lights, decorations, and other electric items, both at home and in the workplace, that have the potential to create fire hazards. Here are a few fire safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

1. Put candles on a sturdy, uncluttered surface away from combustibles, and never leave a child alone with a burning candle.
2. Keep decorations, or anything that can burn, at least 3 feet away from furnace, fireplaces, and space heaters.
3. Never overload electrical circuits.
4. Test and replace batteries in fire and carbon monoxide detectors.



Halloween Safety Tips

- S**tay in groups
- C**ostumes should be well fitting and flame resistant
- A**lways test makeup
- R**emember to look both ways when crossing streets
- E**xamine all treats before eating

- S**tay on sidewalks when possible
- A**void dark houses
- F**lashlights + glowsticks for visibility
- E**njoy with caution!

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