



MSU-ES Dawg Tracks

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*Safety Tips:
Halloween Safety*



Well, it's hard to believe, but another Halloween is on the way shortly. Soon the trick or treaters, goblins and witches on their trusty brooms will be invading the neighborhoods. It is a great time for the kids, and the adults seem to enjoy it equally as much (at least some do).

Hopefully, one can use this letter as a reminder or "heads up" that Halloween should be a time of joy and merriment, but we must take precautions to be sure that the kiddies and their chaperones remain cognizant of all safety precautions so that it will really be a "Happy Halloween."

Following are some safety tips that hopefully will be distributed, to help to keep all the "little goblins and trick or treaters" and their chaperones safer during the Halloween season:

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS-

- S** - Swords, knives and other similar costume accessories should be short, flexible, and made of plastic.
- A** - Avoid trick or treating alone. Go in large groups with an adult along to chaperone, especially with younger kids.
- F** - Fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags so that drivers can see them better.
- E** - Examine all their bounty to be sure that all their candies are safe for consumption and check fruits for pin holes (from possible injections).
- H** - Hold flashlights so others can see you and you can see what you're getting for a treat.
- A** - Always test makeup in small areas of your skin to be sure that there are no allergies. Be sure to wash it off before bedtime to protect your skin.
- L** - Look before crossing streets and cross only at designated crosswalks.
- L** - Lower your risks by avoid wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** - Only walk on sidewalks or at the far edge of a road, always facing the traffic, never with the traffic to your back.
- W** - Wear well-fitted costumes, masks, and shoes to avoid the possibility of a slip, trip, or a fall.
- E** - Eat only factory-wrapped treats-avoid homemade treats unless you are totally familiar with the cook.
- E** - Enter homes only if you are totally familiar with the families or you are with a trusted adult; otherwise remain outside.
- N** - Never walk near live candles or other active flames. Be sure to wear flame-retardant costumes.

OTHER GENERAL SAFETY TIPS-

- ✓ Homeowners - Clean up debris and obstacles in your yard. Restrain your dogs and maintain a well-lit porch and yard area.
- ✓ Decorate with artificial lighting - refrain from using live flame accessories.
- ✓ Adults - If you are planning to attend a Halloween party where adult beverages will be served - don't drink and drive! Call a cab or arrange for a non-drinking driver.

EXTRA TRICK OR TREAT TIPS-

- ✓ Young children should always have an adult along to chaperone.
- ✓ Older children should walk in groups.
- ✓ Adults - Establish a curfew time for all ages of trick-or-treaters to be at home.
- ✓ It is a good idea to provide a cell phone with the group to have, in case of an emergency.
- ✓ Stay out of unfamiliar, poorly lit neighborhoods.
- ✓ Don't accept rides in a vehicle.
- ✓ Approach houses that are well-lit. Poorly lit or no lights at all is a pretty good sign that they don't care for trick or treaters.
- ✓ Don't criss-cross on streets. Work one side and then cross over for the other. Never dart out between cars.

FIREWORKS-

- Firecrackers, cheery bombs and party poppers cause many injuries on Halloween.
- All fireworks are dangerous, meaning that you should refrain kids, teens, and adults from using them.

DECORATIONS-

- Another thing to mention regarding live flames, use battery-powered lighting inside the pumpkins.
- Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from all heat sources.
- Use only flame-proof crepe paper.

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