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# Halloween Safety Tips

## Overall Safety Reminders

- Go only into familiar neighborhoods, and stop only at houses that are well lit.
- Carry flashlights and use reflective tape on clothing and bags.
- Walk, do not run. Use sidewalks, not streets. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Slow down when approaching driveways to avoid exiting or entering cars, and do not run out between cars.
- Discard commercially produced candy if the wrapper is loose or the seal has been broken.
- Examine the outside of fruit for any suspicious cuts or holes. Wash and slice it into small pieces, checking for inedible objects.
- If anything is suspicious about treats, report this to the police or other appropriate authorities.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

## Alternatives to Candy Treats

- Baseball cards or other sports cards
- Coloring books, crayons, or magic markers
- Holiday pencils, pens, or erasers
- Snack coupons to a local fast food restaurant or ice cream shop
- Modeling clay
- Yo-yos
- Puzzles
- Card games
- Kites or planes



## Alternatives to Trick-or-Treating

- Neighborhood party (provide games and activities, such as apple toss or movies)
- Haunted house party or parade
- Storytelling (can take place anywhere and is perfect entertainment for children and adults)
- Harvest fairs and festivals
- Hayrides

## Reminders for Children's Parties

- Choose foods that children will enjoy. Be mindful of dietary restrictions.
- Furniture, food, and decorations should be child-sized.
- Have plenty of supervision. One adult can handle about 10 children; use two adults if the children are in a setting outside the home.
- Remember that something that is scary and fun for adults might not be fun for children.



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