



Tricks, Treats & A Little Extra Care

Halloween is all about costumes, excitement and fun.
A few simple safety practices can help make sure festivities are
memorable for all the right reasons.

Slow Down and Stay Alert

- For drivers, the most important rule is simple: slow down and expect the unexpected.
- Children can be excited and easily distracted. They may cross roads or step out from behind parked vehicles without noticing an approaching car. Drive slower than usual, pay particular attention around groups of children and avoid distractions behind the wheel.
- Families should cross roads at safe, visible points, avoid walking between parked vehicles and never assume that a driver has seen them.

Make Little Monsters Visible

- Parents can help make children more visible by including reflective elements, glow sticks or small torches in their Halloween outfits. Dark costumes may look wonderfully spooky, but they can also make a child difficult for motorists to see after sunset.
- A torch is useful for navigating darker pavements and pathways, too. Make sure costumes allow children to move freely and that masks do not obstruct their vision.

Plan the Route and Stay Together

- Choose familiar, well-lit streets and stick to homes you know or those that are clearly participating in Halloween activities. Avoid unfamiliar or poorly lit areas.
- Younger children should remain with a responsible adult throughout the evening. Older children heading out independently should have an agreed route, stay with their group and know when they are expected home.
- Make sure children know what to do if they become separated. Agree on a meeting point and ensure they have a parent's or guardian's contact number with them.

Keep Pets Comfortable and Secure

- The doorbell, unusual costumes, excited voices and frequent visitors can be unsettling for pets. Keep dogs and other pets safely secured away from gates and front doors, where they cannot accidentally escape or become frightened by visitors.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. Adult supervision is essential
2. Stick to familiar areas
3. Only visit known/participating homes
4. Be seen after dark
5. Stay together
6. Remain road-aware
7. Keep cell phones out of sight
8. Have a separation plan
9. Check treats before eating them

Have fun, stay visible and make it a frightfully safe Halloween!