

Halloween Safety

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Halloween is the fourth most common holiday for children. Here are some tips to keeping your children safe. Forty one percent of Halloween injuries are due to pumpkin carving. Don't let your child do the carving alone and keep a first aid kit handy.

Children are two times as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than any other night. Use reflective tape on your child's costume. Have them wear glow sticks or carry flashlights and watch where cars are at.

Thirty-two percent of Halloween related injuries are related to falls. Make sure your child can see out of their mask or use face paint instead and hem long costumes.

1 in 13 children in the U.S. has a food allergy. A good option is to offer non-food items, like bubbles, glow sticks, and bouncy balls in addition to candy. Kids don't eat your candy while you are out Trick or Treating. Make sure you take it home and let parents check it out first.

Halloween fires cause an average of one death, forty-one injuries, and thirteen million dollars in property damage each year. Use battery operated flashlights or glow sticks in your Jack-o-lanterns and keep your home entry and exits free of decorations.

Your child's safety should be your number one priority.