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## Halloween safety tips from the Missing Children's network

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Halloween night and the weeks of preparation leading up to it, can be very exciting for children of all ages. It's a special celebration shared with their family, friends and community that gives them the rare chance to walk around their neighbourhood at night.

The trick to making Halloween a real treat is by following these “sweet” safety tips:

## Before Halloween

Choose bright costumes and have your children carry flashlights or glow sticks so they are easily visible.

Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighbourhoods with well-lit streets. Make sure to identify all the safe places where your children can seek help in case of an emergency.

Make sure your children know your cellphone number and address in case you get separated. For older children, consider giving them a cellphone so they can reach you easily.

Remind them, not to text while walking or crossing the street!

Teach your children to say NO!, in a loud voice, if someone tries to grab them or leave with them.

## On Halloween Night

Make sure older children take friends and stay together while trick-or-treating.

Remind your children to visit only those homes that are well lit and decorated and always wait on the porch.

Remind your children not to approach any vehicle or accept a ride unless they have your permission to do so.

All good things must come to an end! Make sure that older children respect the agreed upon time to return home.

Carefully inspect all the treats and immediately discard any that are unwrapped.

Happy Halloween!

— *Missing Children's network*

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