

Halloween.... Where Trick Or Treat And Safety Should Meet

Halloween may be a special day for children, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little troublesome. Nearly 40 years ago when I was younger, I remember some of my parent's concerns:; like razor blades in apples or treats from Exlax made to look like chocolate candy, and avoiding strangers. That was then, this is now.

Tips for Parents

Concerns about children and their well being, whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bountiful bags of goodies, can cast a spell on the night's celebration. But not to worry! Following a few safety tips will ensure that Halloween will be a ...h o w l i n g.. good time for all. Here's what we can do:

Un-haunting Your House and Neighborhood

1. Welcome trick-or-treaters at home by keeping your exterior lights on.
2. Remove objects from your yard that might render a safety threat to visitors.
3. Ask you Neighborhood Watch or citizen group to police the community.
4. Involve students from a nearby college or university to be goblin's helpers. These pupils can help trick-or-treaters span busy streets and watch out for devilish situations.
5. If away from your home, drive slowly all evening, you may never see what creeping thing may suddenly circumnavigate your path.
6. Report any shady or illegal activity to your regional law enforcement agency or police department.

Ponder This

The best way parents and children can avoid trick-or-treating troubles entirely is by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contests, music, scary stories, and much more. Make your Halloween party the scene of action to be at! Schools, fire stations, libraries, even malls in many communities organize haunted houses and ancillary festivities for families.

Creating Suitable Costumes With Safety In Mind

1. Check that costumes are flame-retardant so the little ones are not in jeopardy near candle lit jack-o-lanterns and alternate fire risks.
2. Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and alternate bumps in the nighttime.
3. Prompt kids to wear comfortable shoes.
4. Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and, more importantly, they can obstruct the vision of a child; a hazardous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
5. Make sure kids wear light colored costumes or put reflective tape on their costumes.

Dressed Up And Perilous?

Halloween blood and gore are unperilous stuff for the most part. But sometimes dressing up as a super-hero, a scary monster, or a slimy alien from outer space; coupled with the excitement of Halloween, brings out ferocious demeanors. Even fake knives, swords, and guns and other costume accessories can accidentally incapacitate people. If these objects are part of a costume for a child, make sure they are made from cardboard or ancillary flexible materials. Better yet, challenge kids to fashion costumes that do not need weapons to be scary or funmaking.

Preparing Ghost And Goblins For Their Tricks And Treats

1. Make sure older kids go out with friends they know. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. If you live in a agricultural area, offer all children a ride in the truck.
2. It is advisable to set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat. Together, sketch out a safe route so you understand where they will be. Remind them not to take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or playing fields.
3. Remind children not to enter strange houses or automobiles.
4. Attempt to get kids to trick-or-treat while it is still light out. If it is dark, make sure a couple of people are carrying flashlights that work and are loaded with fresh batteries.

Pranks That Can Be A Little Trickish Without Safety In Mind

Halloween is notorious as a night of pranks; toilet papering a house or lining mailboxes with shaving cream are not advisable. Try to get a handle on the plans of your children before they go out. Make clear to them that while you want them to have a delightful time, some tricks [pranks] could maim innocent children or destroy property.

The Halloween Payoff..Eating The Treats

1. Children need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters from digging in while they are still out is to provide them a good meal or substantial snack beforehand.
2. Peruse all treats at home in a well-lighted place.
3. What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in authentic wrappers. Do not forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything incredulous. By all means, admonish children not to eat everything at once or they will be feeling pretty g h o s t l y themselves.

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