

These Halloween Safety Tips Brought to you by the N H State Fire Marshal for a safe Halloween:

Costumes

- Children should carry a flashlight.
- Costumes should be bright or have reflective tape to highlight them.
- Before purchasing, be sure all parts of the costume are labeled flame-retardant or flame-resistant.
- Costumes should not have trailing material or tails long enough to cause falls.
- Pointed objects such as swords and devils' forks should be made of soft material.
- Check that eye holes on masks are large enough to see through clearly.
- Children should wear sturdy shoes and temperature appropriate clothing underneath their costumes.

Checking Treats

- **Throw out anything that appears tampered with.**
- **Throw out home-made or home-packaged food unless you know the source.**
- **Inspect fruit closely.**
- **Take away treats that may not be age appropriate. Young children may choke on hard candy.**

Decorations

- Use a small flashlight or battery operated candle in pumpkins instead of a flame candle.
- Use flame-proof crepe paper and paper decorations.
- Keep dried leaves and cornstalks away from all flames and heat sources.
- Keep exits clear of decorations, so escape routes are not blocked.

Instruct older children to:

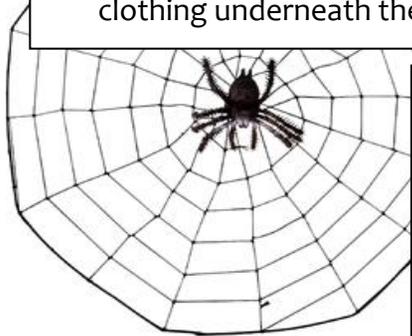
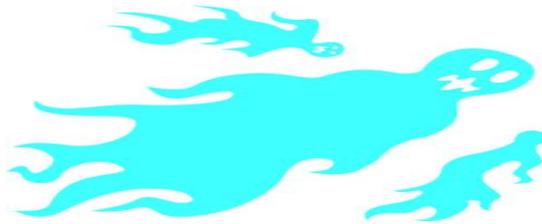
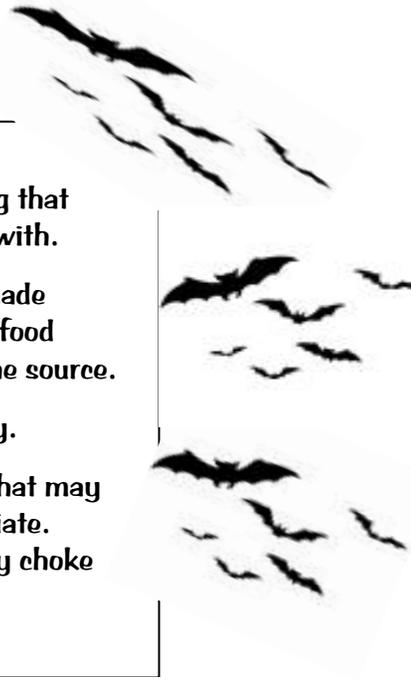
- *Stay in groups.*
- *Use sidewalks and cross only at the corners.*
- *Never dart out between parked cars.*
- *Cover one side of the street at a time, no criss-crossing.*
- *Never go inside a stranger's home.*
- *Never accept a ride in a car.*
- *Only approach houses where the outside lights are on as a signal of welcome.*
- *Bring their bags home to be checked by an adult before eating a single treat.*
- *Come home at a designated time.*

Trick-or-Treating

- Small children should always be with an adult.
- Consider taking little ones out early.
- Know the neighborhoods and stay in areas where you are completely comfortable.
- If older children are going out without you, go over the ground rules first!

Receiving Trick-or-Treaters

- Make sure your own home is well-lit and that there is a clear path to your door.
- Bicycle and lawn furniture can trip youngsters in the dark.



Important Points to Remember !!!!!!!!

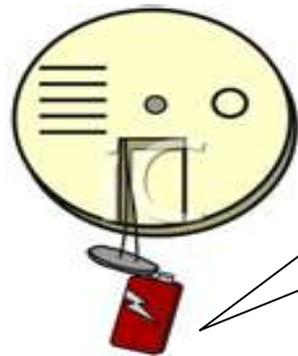
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Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries!

- Each year around Halloween, we turn the clock back one hour.
- This is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms.
- This year, buy batteries along with your Halloween candy and on Sunday, November 7th, change your clocks and change your batteries.



**TRICK
OR
TREAT**



STAY SAFE.
CHANGE ME
ON NOVEMBER 7th

FIREWORKS

- Fireworks and sparklers cause many injuries and fires on Halloween. These are dangerous and should not be used by children.



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