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Halloween Tips

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Halloween is a time for fun and festivities, but it's also important to prioritize safety. Here are some tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience:

Before Halloween:

- **Choose appropriate costumes.** Look for bright, reflective costumes that are easily visible in the dark. Avoid masks that obstruct vision and make breathing difficult.
- **Inspect your home and yard.** Remove any hazards that could cause injuries, such as tripping hazards or broken glass.
- **Plan your route.** Choose a safe, well-lit route that avoids dark alleys or deserted areas.
- **Discuss safety rules with children.** Explain the importance of staying with adults, not entering strangers' homes, and being cautious of strangers.

During Halloween:

- **Travel in groups.** Trick-or-treat with friends or family members for added safety.
- **Carry a flashlight or glow stick.** This will help you see and be seen in low-light conditions.
- **Be mindful of traffic.** Follow the rules of the road, use sidewalks, and cross at designated crosswalks.
- **Inspect candy before eating.** Check for any signs of tampering or damage.

Additional Tips:

- **Set a curfew.** Establish a reasonable time for children to return home from trick-or-treating.
- **Take your phone.** Communicate and share your location with your family.
- **Avoid eating candy that is not commercially wrapped.** Only accept treats from reputable sources.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Pay attention to your surroundings and trust your instincts. If you feel unsafe, leave the situation and seek help.

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