

Trick or Treat: You've been tricked

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### TRICK OR TREAT!

Back when we were younger, those three little words were the key to infinite candy supplies. It was Pavlovian conditioning at its best: We say trick or treat (well, I said twick o tweek because I had trouble with r's) and the friendly neighbor would shower us with Kit Kats, Butterfingers, Skittles, Bottle Caps, M&M's, etc. On occasion you would get the crappy neighbor that gave you those stupid trail mix bags, but you cannot win them all.

Twick-o-tweeking is usually the highlight of All Hollow's Eve, but in recent years the costume-wearing brats have only been getting treats, no tricks. Well, that's just un-American. They want tricks, they'll get tricks (not the prostitution kind, though...maybe the prostitution kind).

Since H1N1 is pretty easy to come by these days, one easy trick would be Swine Flu-covered Snickers bars! How hilarious would that be? The kid thinks they're getting chocolate, caramel, and peanuts, but really they're getting five-to-seven days in quarantine! they've been TRICKED.

Children are accustomed to getting their treats from a doorstep, but where do they get their tricks? Where else but from the back of a kidnapping van! Find a large white van with no windows (save for dash, passenger and driver, of course—you need to have some sort of vision for the getaway!), back into someone's driveway, pop a HALLOWEEN CANDY sign onto the back door and watch those naïve guppies trail in, looking for Kit Kat bars. Once you've got a healthy selection of curious youths, slam the door and peel off. Get those ransom notes ready, because those kids have been TRICKED.

Here's a fun little prank that everyone can enjoy: Print out some fake adoption papers! What's more laughable than telling a kid his or her real parents didn't love him or her, and that those people he or she has been calling Mom and Dad really found him or her in a dumpster? Nothing's more laughable, that's what! Just hand those little buggers a fat envelope of self-hatred instead of a fat bag of Skittles, and voila, they've been TRICKED.

One age-old trick the kiddies love is the classic mix-up of medicine and candy. What better time to capitalize on this giggle-tasic goof than trick-or-treating? The kids think they're getting when a treat, but in an unexpected twist they get a trick! Those delicious fruit-flavored circles are actually Tums! You thought those were just gummy bears? WRONG! They're gummy bear vitamins! And those Flintstone caricatures have more than just sugar and food coloring—like choline, Magnesium, Phosphorous, Vitamin D, and a guaranteed stomach-pumping from a friendly EMT. They've been TRICKED.

Everyone wants a memorable Halloween, so how about you make this one EXPLOSIVE? This next trick requires some work—disguising TNT in candy wrappers, to be exact—but it's worth it. Just imagine those little faces, chock-full of surprise and fiery sparks when that Almond Joy turns out to have more gunpowder than almonds. And boom goes the

With this wide selection of tricks to accompany the treats, Halloween's most infamous ritual of twick-o-tweating can be bwrought back to its fowmow glo-wy.



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