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Have a Safe Halloween

Halloween is a kid's delight. It's a blast to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, attend parties and, most of all, eat candy.

At the same time, Halloween can be scary for parents. Costumes can be dangerous, too much candy can be sickening and walking around at night can be risky.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer these tips (in anagram form) to make sure your little ghouls and goblins have a safe Halloween:

- **S** Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.
- A Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Children should walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- **F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see trick-or-treaters.
- E Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before they're eaten.

H – Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help see and help others see you.

A – Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it when done to avoid skin irritation.

 ${\bf L}$ – Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

L – Lower the risk for serious eye injury by avoiding decorative contact lenses.

- **O** Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- **W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.

E – Eat only factory-wrapped candy. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook.

E – Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult.

 ${\bf N}$ – Never walk near lit candles or other open flames. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.