



# Doernbecher Children's Safety Center

## HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN!

### Preparing for Halloween:

- Choose a costume that:
  - ◆ Is flame-resistant
  - ◆ Is large enough to accommodate warm clothes underneath
  - ◆ Will not trip your child
  - ◆ Includes sturdy, well-fitted shoes
  - ◆ Does not include sharp objects or accessories
  - ◆ Opts for make-up/face paint in place of a mask, if possible
- Use reflective materials such as tape, vests, and wristbands on costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- When decorating, choose to use battery-powered candles rather than those with a real flame.
- If you do use a real candle, place pumpkin a safe distance away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

### Trick-or-Treating:

- An adult should accompany children of all ages, and no one should trick-or-treat alone.
- If your older child is going with a group, make sure you review safety rules with him/her. Know the route they plan to take, and set a curfew.
- Children should know their last name and phone number, in case they get separated from their chaperone. You may also consider attaching this information to the child's costume.
- Although tampering is rare, instruct children to wait until you have inspected the candy before they eat it. Inspect all goodies carefully and throw out anything that looks suspicious. (Examples include: loose or opened wrappers, homemade or baked goods from strangers).



### Trick-or-Treating Safety Rules to Review with Your Kids

- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Walk, don't run, on sidewalks. Only cross at intersections and obey traffic signals.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic on the far left of the street.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Do not go into a stranger's home or car.
- Approach lighted houses only.
- Stay away from unknown pets and animals.