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### **Stay Safe With These Important Halloween Safety Tips**

Make Halloween fun and safe by remembering some simple rules.

1. Halloween parties are safer than trick-or-treating.
2. Daylight trick-or-treating is safer than going out after dark.
3. Stay in your neighborhood and visit only the people you know.
4. Avoid dark or poorly lit streets.
5. Visit only houses where the lights are on.
6. Never trick-or-treat alone. Travel in a group, or best of all, have a parent with you. Little kids should always go trick-or-treating with an adult.
7. Carry a flashlight to help you see sidewalks, steps and paths.
8. Plan your trick-or-treat route and make sure your family knows where it is - and stick to it!
9. Accept treats only in the doorway. Never go inside a house.
10. Never approach strangers in automobiles, even if they offer a treat! Especially at night.
11. Don't play near lit jack-o-lanterns.
12. Keep an eye on jack-o-lanterns lit by candles. Animals can knock them over and start a fire.
13. No one should drive while wearing a mask.
14. Obey all traffic signals, both as a pedestrian and a driver.
15. Never dart out from between parked cars.
16. Don't trick-or-treat in busy commercial areas or where there is heavy traffic.

Before you eat those treats, have an adult check ALL of your candy, whether it's wrapped or not. If you have an adult with you, they can inspect a treat as soon as you get it. If you find something suspicious in your candy, please do not take it to the fire department. Put it aside in a separate bag and call your local police department for further advice.

Download a printable PDF of these rules at: <https://www.sbcfire.org/Holidays/HalloweenSafetyTips.aspx>

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