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Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

Halloween is one of my favorite times of the year. I enjoy seeing my neighborhood full of children and families having fun together. Even though it's a wonderful time, we should all take a few extra steps to keep everyone safe.

Stay safe near traffic. Use sidewalks when you can. Cross streets at corners or crosswalks, follow traffic signals, and always look both ways before crossing. Keep watching as you cross. Put away phones and other devices, and walk instead of running. Drivers should also be extra careful. Slow down in neighborhoods and watch for people walking.

Make sure costumes are easy to see. Pick costumes that fit well and won't cause trips or falls. Use face paint instead of masks that might block a child's vision. Add reflective tape to costumes or bags, and carry a flashlight or wear glow sticks so drivers can see trick-or-treaters.

Plan ahead for the evening. Young children should go with an adult. Older kids should trick-or-treat in a group, stick to a planned route, and know when to come home. Stay in familiar, well-lit areas and never go inside a stranger's home.

Check treats before eating them. Wait until you get home before having any candy. An adult should look over the treats and throw away anything open, damaged, or looks unusual. For kids with food allergies, read labels carefully.

Let's help make Halloween safe for everyone. Homeowners can turn on porch lights, clear sidewalks and walkways, and keep pets away from visitors. You might also offer non-food treats, such as stickers, pencils, or glow sticks, for kids with food allergies.

With a little extra care, everyone can enjoy a fun and safe Halloween. Have a happy Halloween!

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