



Halloween Safety Tips

Northshore Fire Department urges residents to follow the Halloween safety tips listed below. Be alert and stay safe.

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypoallergenic make-up or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Plan ahead to use only battery powered lanterns or chemical light-sticks in place of candles in decorations and costumes.
- Teach children their home phone number and to how call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free from any phone.
- Review with your children the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll", should their clothes catch on fire.
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check a round your property for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazard ous to young children rushing from house to house.
- Learn or review CPR skills to aid someone who is choking or having a heart attack. Northshore Fire Department offers CPR classes once a month. Call 425-486-2784 for details.
- Inspect your children's treats before anything is eaten. Look for punctured or torn candy wrappers. When in doubt, throw it out!

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