

Halloween Safety Tips!



As part of the excitement and lead-up to Halloween, discuss safety tips with your class. Here are a number of safety points to start the discussion:

- Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult. All children should plan their routes and share this information with their parents.
- Children should always trick-or-treat in a group with friends. They should never do it alone. Older kids should be aware of younger kids in their group, and keep a watch on them.
- Kids should always use common sense. They should be very careful crossing streets, and stay on sidewalks. They should walk, and not run. They should be careful around jack-o-lanterns, which may be lit by candles or electric lights.
- Kids should carry a flashlight. If they are carrying another item, such as a plastic sword or pitchfork, they should make sure there are no sharp edges and the item is flexible. Care should be taken with the costume and any pieces of clothing that may hang down from it—it could cause a tripping hazard. Depending on the neighborhood, it might be helpful to wear some reflective clothing.
- Kids should be respectful of other people's property. If a house's lights are out, it generally means they are not giving out candy.
- Kids should never go inside a house. They should accept the treats only in the doorway.
- As usual, kids should avoid talking to strangers, and never get into a stranger's car.
- Kids should wait until they get home or to a friend's house before they eat any candy. Let an adult check to make sure everything all the candy is OK.
- If a child is not with their parents and staying with friends, they should check in with their parents when they are done trick-or-treating.