



TIP OF THE WEEK

Halloween Safety

Halloween is upon us once again and little ghouls and witches will head out in costume for some long awaited trick or treating. Here are a few simple tips for you and your youngsters to have a safe and happy Halloween:

For Kids

1. Trick or treat with a friend or your parents.
2. Do not go to houses where the lights are off.
3. Never go inside a stranger's house.
4. Know where a Block Parent house is in case you need help.
5. Start trick or treating early and do not stay out late.
6. Let your parents know where you will be.
7. Cross the road at the corner or a crosswalk.
8. Look both ways before you cross the road.
9. Wear reflective tape on your costume so drivers will see you better.
10. Carry a flashlight.
11. Never go into alleys, parking areas, or vacant lots.
12. Do not go near animals you don't know.
13. Eat a good supper before you go trick or treating and ask your parents for a sample of their treats to eat while you are out.
14. Let your parents check your treats before you eat them. Don't eat candy when you get it. Take it home and let your parents check it over.
15. Never eat unwrapped candy.
16. Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
17. Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.

For Adults

1. Using common sense can make a party a great one and avoid anything that may ruin it.
2. Keep an eye on the drinking; don't let it get out of hand. Take the keys away from anyone that may be driving. Have one person stay sober and offer to drive those people home who may be too intoxicated to drive.
3. When deciding on a menu, check and see if anyone attending the party has food allergies that might be a problem. Common food allergies to dairy products, peanuts and shell fish can really put a damper on the festivities.
4. Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them.
5. The best bet is to make sure that an adult is going with them. If you can't take them, see if another parent or a teen aged sibling can go along.
6. Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties, school or mall functions.
7. Make sure you set a time that they should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time.
8. Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs at a house may seem like fun but they need to know the other side of the coin as well, clean up and damages can ruin Halloween. If they are caught vandalizing, make them clean up the mess they've made.
9. Explain to your kids that animal cruelty is not acceptable. Kids may know this on their own but peer pressure can be a bad thing. Make sure that they know that harming animals is not only morally wrong but punishable by law and will not be tolerated.

Happy Halloween!

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