



Halloween Safety



As ghosts, pirates and princesses prepare to descend on neighborhoods across the BSB on Halloween night, we need to remember that its not the ghouls and goblins, witches or monsters we need to be scared of.

The scariest thing that could happen this night is that a child could get hurt.

Following a few simple safety tips can help prepare parents and their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treating event.

Trick or Treat only in designated areas. Plan your route in advance and identify a place to meet if someone gets separated. Remember that the USAREUR Child Supervision Policy applies to Halloween evening also.

Cross the street only at marked pedestrian crosswalks. Use the **POINT, PAUSE, and PROCEED** method of crossing. First, get your group together to cross at the same time. Point across the road to let drivers know you want to cross. Pause until the cars stop. Proceed when it is safe.

Wear light-colored reflective-type clothing to be more visible and carry a flashlight to light your way.

Costumes and footwear should fit properly. To avoid tripping, costumes should not be too loose or too long. Non-toxic face paint or cosmetics may be a better choice over masks that interfere with vision.

Keep children away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.) Children should not play with or near lit Jack O' lanterns. Be sure children know how to **STOP, DROP** and **ROLL** in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)

Only visit homes that have the lights turned on. Accept your treats at the door and Never go into a stranger's house.

Children: Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating, and don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Parents: Have your child eat before they leave the house. This will discourage them from eating any treats before you can inspect them.

Never allow children to carry sharp, dangerous props such as knives or swords. These could cause injuries in a fall. If necessary, use props made of soft, flexible material.



Don't let an accident on Halloween night haunt you and your family. Watch the children in your care, follow safe trick or treat practices, and have a memorable Halloween evening.



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