

Have a safe Halloween



Fairies and elves can magically move from one place to another, fall without getting hurt and other such things, but when your children are the fairies and elves, it's another matter entirely.

This Halloween, the Red Cross offers these suggestions for the safety of your children and the children of others too.

The child's costume should be easily seen in the dark, so a light-colored costume decorated with reflective tape is in order. The costume should be entirely flame retardant, including wigs, false beards and mustaches, hats and veils.

The costume should fit well since over-sized shoes, bulky capes, dangling sleeves and long skirts or trousers can cause a child to stumble, especially when running enthusiastically from house to house.

Swords, knives, broomsticks and fairy wands should be made of cardboard, not metal, wood, or anything "real." The cardboard kind are just as much fun, but they are much safer.

Masks should be chosen with care so that the child's vision is not obstructed. Perhaps make-up or face paint would be more appropriate, and much more comfortable.

For trick-or-treating, the route should be planned with safety in mind, and them adhered to, and the child should be reminded of pedestrian safety rules when leaving home.

Bicycling from house to house should be definitely out, as well as carrying lit candles and lanterns.

Flashlights work just as well, and are much safer.

For the safety of other children as well as your own, porch, yard and hall lights should be kept on, and the yard

should be free of obstacles such as sprinklers, hoses, trash cans, lawn furniture, bicycles, and anything else which could be tripped over in the dark.



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