

Halloween Safety Tips

from the Upper Makefield Police Department

When your Trick or Treater has selected their costume:

- Make sure that the costume fits well and make any necessary alterations prior to the big night.
- Try to avoid loose fitting masks, as this may inhibit breathing or obscure your child's vision. Apply makeup instead.
- If a mask is used, make sure that it fits securely and that the eyeholes are large enough to allow full vision.
- Choose flame retardant costumes, if possible.
- Review the Stop, Drop, and Roll procedure with your children.
- Use reflective tape on costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Any costume accessories such as: swords, knives, etc. should be short, soft, and flexible.

If you are expecting Trick or Treaters:

- Remove any obstacles from your lawn, driveways, steps, or porches.
- Keep any lit candles away from doorsteps, landings, or anywhere else a costume may come into contact with the flame.
- Make sure your home is well lit.
- Make sure that you have plenty of candy.

When Trick or Treating:

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Travel in groups accompanied by an adult.
- Always carry a flashlight with new batteries.
- Carry a spare Trick or Treat bag in case your bag breaks.
- Set a curfew for your children.

- Walk, do not run!
- Stay on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road.
- Be aware of your surroundings and always look both ways before crossing the street.
- Avoid walking near lit candles, luminaries, or jack-o-Lanterns.

- Visit only familiar neighborhoods and homes.
- Don't stop at dark houses.
- Don't enter a home unless you know the people.
- Never accept rides from strangers.

- Respect other people, their property, and always be polite, say "thank you."
- Don't approach unfamiliar animals or pets.
- Stay out of backyards.

- Never eat candy until it's inspected for any signs of tampering.
- Avoid candy that is unwrapped, has puncture holes, has loose wrapping, is homemade, or is a choking hazard.

- Always report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police.