

Burn Prevention: Halloween Fire Safety

Be Safe This Halloween!

Halloween can be a fun time of year for kids. And even a little spookiness can be fun, too. But when it comes to keeping your little monsters safe, keep it all treats and no tricks by following a few easy safety tips.

Halloween Fire Safety Tips

- When choosing a costume, stay away from trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so that they can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters.
- Use a battery-operated candle or glow stick in jack-o'-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o'-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames, including jack-o'-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to Halloween parties at other homes or venues, have them look for ways out and plan how they would get out in an emergency.



Did You Know?

- Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year.
- Two of every 5 of these fires were started by a candle.

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