



Halloween Safety

For All Kids!

Halloween can be a stressful time for parents. The good news? It doesn't have to be! You can use this time to work on making your children responsible, respectful and resilient! Print this out or bookmark for a safe and stress-free Halloween for your kids (and you,too)!

**2-6
Years Old**

**7-11
Years Old**

**12-16
Years Old**

Costumes

Choices Within Limits

Plan for the weather! Make room for layers under or rain gear over. Get extra use by playing "pretend Halloween" before the big day.

Choices within limits. Don't argue about WHO they want to be, but have guidelines about HOW they represent that character.

Avoid last minute arguments by making your limits clear weeks ahead of time, and then let them express all their creativity within those lines.

Safety

Prevent the "What if?!" That Worries You

Practice hand-holding, staying together and careful street-crossing.

How many houses ahead can they go? Stay outside the door. Wear something reflective!

Plan some by phone check-ins, and let teens know your plan if you DON'T hear from them.

Manners

A great time to practice

Practice waiting your turn, eye contact and friendly greetings, answering questions.

Please. Thank you. Every. Single. Time.

Remind your child that many places have security cameras. "Will I be proud if I see that video?"

Candy Haul

Great but not Greedy

Take one "family bag" for the stroller and put all the candy together.

Decide (and tell them!) beforehand how much/many they can eat tonight.

Taking what you're offered is great. Taking more? Stealing.

Rockstar Parenting

Use Halloween for Good

Reverse Trick-or-Treat! Find out more: <http://bit.ly/revtrickortreat>

Pick some candy for Operaton Shoebox <http://bit.ly/drgcandydonation>

Hand out candy for the early shift - pitch in to help and practice the fun of giving.



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