



## BEVERLY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: HALLOWEEN SAFETY



The holiday season is a joyous and busy time to celebrate with family and friends. But with all the joys of the season, there are potential hazards that can cause needless injury or even death. Below are some tips for keeping your family, home and all trick-or-treaters safe this Halloween.



- When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. This will avoid tripping & snagging hazards.
- If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Flame resistant material is highly recommended.
- If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he/she can see out.
- Adding reflective tape to costumes and accessories will make trick-or-treaters more visible to vehicle traffic.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- It is better to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. 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 way from trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- Remember to keep your doors clear of decorations, so nothing blocks your escape route in case of an emergency.
- Children should always go trick-or-treating with a responsible adult. If your child decides to trick-or-treat with a friend, remind them to stay together as a group.
- Remind children to walk from house to house and to stay off the streets and always use sidewalks or designated walkways.
- Have children trick-or-treat in well lit and familiar neighborhoods.
- Make a rule that children will not eat any treat until it has been brought home and examined by a grown-up.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames. 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 hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

