HOME AND COSTUME SAFETY

SAFETY AT HOME

• Turn on exterior home light.
• Keep walkways free of obstructions.
• Don’t allow anyone into your home you don’t know.

COSTUME SAFETY

• Choose bright colored costumes. If dark costumes are selected, affix reflective tape to increase visibility.
• Consider using make-up rather than a mask. Masks reduce peripheral vision and present a hazard to children wearing them.
• If masks are to be used, cut eye holes large enough to provide improved vision.
• On the inside of the costume affix the child’s name, address and phone number in case of an accident or a lost child.

TREAT SAFETY AND TIPS

DON’T FORGET A SAFETY CHECK

• Check for loose or tampered packaging.
• Discard open candy and fruit.
• If fruit is to be eaten, wash and cut it into small bite-sized portions to allow for internal inspection.
• Avoid consuming homemade treats unless a parent can be certain of the source.

OTHER TIPS TO STAY SAFE

• Attend public activities such as trunk-or-treat.
• Host a family function.
• Organize a neighborhood block party.
• Motorists: slow down and look for trick-or-treaters, who may dart into traffic.
• To avoid creating a monster, don’t let children eat all their candy at once!

TRICK-OR-TREATING

• Plan out a route that will be followed.
• Cross streets at intersections, never mid-block or from between parked cars.
• Walk on sidewalks when provided. If they aren’t available, consider another route or walk facing oncoming traffic.
• Parents, remind children that you need to inspect all candy before they eat it.
• Increase visibility by providing children with a functioning flashlight or glow stick.
• Never take shortcuts across alleys, backyards or fields.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER

Cut out and keep in a safe place while trick-or-treating.