

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Examine candy.

Always examine candy for defects in the manufacturers' packaging. Encourage your kids not to eat homemade goodies.

Be on the lookout for vandals.

Being dressed in a costume may give them the confidence to damage your property.



Tighten loose handrails and floorboards.

If trick-or-treaters go upstairs to your front door, ensure handrails are secured, and loose floorboards are tightened.



Mark raised or uneven surfaces.

If concrete surfaces in and around your yard are raised, mark them with florescent paint so little princesses don't trip. If uneven pavers lead up to your front door, rope off the section that could cause them to trip and fall.

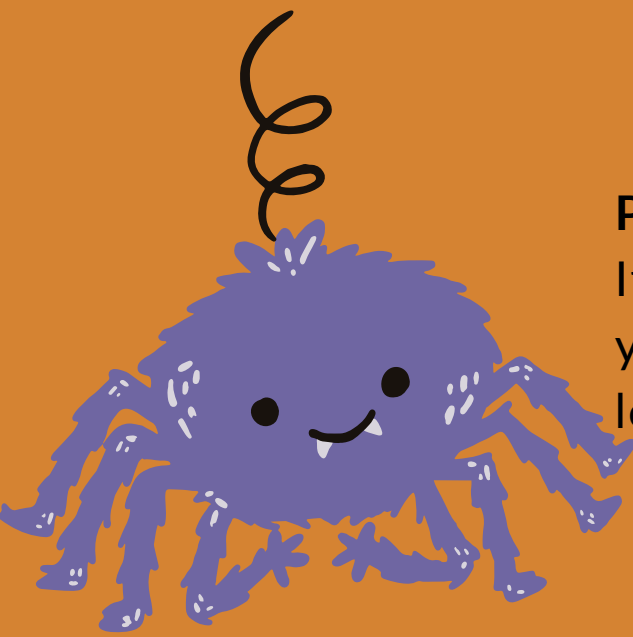


Be vigilant against an increase in property crime.

Theft and vandalism increase significantly during trick-or-treating hours. If you're handing out candy from your front door, make sure your garage is closed and locked.



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Pull over.

If you need to manage children in your vehicle, don't turn around to look at them while driving.



Remain alert.

Continually scan the roads and sidewalks for trick-or-treaters and be on high alert.



Be careful with pet costumes.

Make sure costumes are simple and loose-fitting. Detailed costumes can make it difficult for pets to move and cause injury if they get spooked and take off running.



Make sure your pets are wearing their IDs.

Some pets will do whatever they can to get outside. With your door opening and closing numerous times and all the commotion, their escape can be easier than usual.



Throw away glow sticks immediately.

According to the Pet Poison Hotline, cats love to chew on them. While non-life threatening, the liquid inside the glow sticks can cause side effects such as irritation, pain, excessive drooling and foaming at the mouth.

