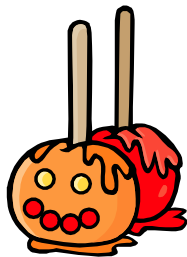


# Catskill Central School District Safety Tips



- ★ Plan costumes that are bright and reflective.
- ★ Make sure costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flames.
- ★ Add reflective tape or striping to costumes or Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- ★ If a sword, cane or stick is part of the costume, make sure it is not too sharp or too long.
- ★ Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic make-up instead.

- ★ A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children while Trick-or-Treating.
- ★ If older children are going along, plan and review the route. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- ★ Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
  - To stay in a group.
  - Only go to homes with a light on.
  - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway, facing traffic.
  - Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
  - Never cut across yards. Walk, not run, from house to house.



- ★ A good meal prior to Trick-or-Treating will discourage young children from filling up on Halloween treats.
- ★ Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Closely examine and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

- ★ Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with a marker, and parents should do the cutting.
- ★ Votive candles are safest for candle-lit pumpkins.
- ★ Lighted pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and should never be left unattended.

