

## Tips for Treaters

If you want *trick or treaters* to come to your home, keep your outside and front room lights on, and have Halloween decorations.

Give store-wrapped or non-edible (crayons, stickers, small party favors) treats. If you must give homemade goodies, put your name and address on each treat (address labels work well) and give them only to children who know you.



## Tips for Parents

Make sure your child's costume allows freedom of movement and good visibility. It should either be a light color or have reflective strips on it. Kids love to carry flashlights and it can make them more visible. If possible, have children *trick or treat* before dark.

Insist that your children *trick or treat* with a friend, a group or an adult. Young children should always go with an adult or responsible teenager.

Insist that your children stay in their own neighborhood and on an agreed route.

Before children eat any treats, check them over. Use your discretion about homemade treats - even with an address label. The safest rule is to throw away anything that is not store-wrapped and in good condition.

Cut fruit into pieces before eating to make sure it is all fruit and has not been tampered with.

Sponsor a party in place of *trick or treating*. Sometimes shopping malls will sponsor a party with each shop owner providing the treats. Use your imagination.

# Tips For Kids

Stay in your own neighborhood.

Go with a friend, a group or an adult.

Go only to houses with lights on or with Halloween decorations up.

Do not eat any treats until they have been checked by an adult.

Watch for cars when crossing the street.

Tell your parents about anything that makes you uncomfortable or scared.



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# Halloween Safety Tips

