



# KidSafe

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## Have a Happy KidSafe Halloween!

Halloween can be fun for the entire family—you can help your kids stay safe while still allowing them all the excitement of trick-or-treating and Halloween parties! Discussing the safety rules with your children *before* the event helps them enjoy themselves. The following are helpful ways to communicate your rules to your children.

### 🎃 *Use the Buddy System*

“Stay in your group or with a trusted adult.”

### 🎃 *Where to Trick-or-Treat*

- “Only go to homes you know—you’ll get plenty of candy!”
- “Never go inside someone’s house, unless your grown-up is with you or says it is okay.”

### 🎃 *Designate “Check-In Times”*

- “Let’s set “Check-In Times for us to talk and let me know you are safe.” (If your children are going out with their friends without a grown-up.)
- “Here is where we will meet if we get separated.”

### 🎃 *Be Safe as You Go*

- “Walk on the sidewalk, if there is one.”
- “Look when crossing any street.”

### 🎃 *Stranger Safety*

- “Do not talk to anyone you don’t know. No adult should ask you for help.”
- “Check First” before eating any candy that your grown-up has said is okay.”
- “Don’t go near any pets you don’t know.”

### *For Parents, Before The Fun*

- Make sure they can be seen: provide them with a flash light or glow sticks.
- Make sure they can walk easily in their costume and see with their mask.
- Go over “Reporting vs. Tattling”. If your child is approached by someone and they feel uncomfortable, remind them to report this to a grown-up immediately.

Thank you for your commitment to the safety of all children in your community!

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