

Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District

Halloween Safety Tips

Tips for Choosing the right costume:

- Purchase costumes made of flame retardant material (check the label)
- Keep hemlines short enough to prevent tripping and avoid loose, baggy sleeves, or billowing skirts
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet
- To be seen easily, costumes should be made of light color material
- **Use glow in the dark reflective tape on your costume**
- Use make-up rather than masks which could obstruct vision

Before Halloween night:

- Treating your children to a good meal before going out trick-or-treating will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to inspect it
- Teach children their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or are lost
- Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields. Make sure they know to stay in populated places that are well lit
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts
- Remove objects from your yard that present a hazard to children. Hazards include gardening hoses, tools and flower pots and low tree limbs

Tips for Halloween night:

- Use battery powered lights—never use candles to light jack-o-lanterns
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames
- Be extremely careful with cornstalk and other harvest season items. Keep them away from sources of heat. Do not let them block doorways, stairs or exit routes
- Do not allow children to carry sharp sticks or other objects that could cause injury to self and others
- If you are driving on Halloween, take care...watch out for trick-or-treaters who will be too busy to watch out for you
- Closely inspect all candy before allowing children to eat it. Discard any unwrapped treats from a stranger. If in doubt, throw it out!

For more safety tips, please visit our website at
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