









Halloween Safety Tips

Tips for Parents, Children and Drivers

Halloween can be an exciting time for children and with the distraction of candy and costumes, safety rules can easily be forgotten. In fact, research shows that distractions can increase a child's chances of being struck by a car. Halloween means there will be more children out on the streets, which is why drivers need to take extra care.

Parachute offers parents, children and drivers these tips for a safe Halloween:

-  **Children under the age of nine should be accompanied by an adult or** responsible older child since they may lack the developmental skills to cross the street on their own.
-  **Teach your child to stop at the curb,** look left, right and left again, and to listen for oncoming traffic.
-  **Select costumes with bright colours** to increase your child's visibility and choose face paint instead of masks.
-  **Always cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections** – it's unsafe to cross between parked cars or other obstacles.
-  **Stay on the sidewalk** when walking from house to house, and if there is no sidewalk, walk beside the road, facing traffic so drivers can see you.
-  **Drive slowly** in residential areas where children are more likely to be trick-or-treating.
-  **Watch out for kids,** many of who will be wearing costumes that limit their vision.
-  **Reduce distractions,** such as cellphones or loud music, and stay alert.

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