

Safe Kids Are
Seen on Halloween!



Safe Kids Walk This Way



As Halloween draws near, Safe Kids Grand Forks compiles a list of indoor Halloween events in our region. Check it out at www.safekidsgf.com.

If you are aware of any events you would like promoted, contact Safe Kids Grand Forks as soon as possible prior to the event.

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Preventing injuries:
at home,
at school,
at play,
and on the way.

Halloween Injury Prevention

We Believe

Every kid has the right to grow up safe, healthy and free from injury.



Halloween Injury Prevention

Children are at risk of injury from:

- Falling
- Being hit by a car
- Burns
- Being separated from a parent/guardian



Halloween Safety Tips

- Accompany children under age 12 while trick-or-treating.
- Consider attending indoor trick-or-treating events so children do not need to be out on the streets in low light conditions.
- Teach children their phone number so they can call if they have problems when away from home.
- Instruct children to travel in familiar neighborhoods and along designated routes.
- Instruct children to never enter a home/apartment unless accompanied by an adult.
- Tell children to bring all treats home before eating them. Carefully inspect items to be sure they have not been tampered with and are safety sealed.
- Set a time for children to return home.
- Restrict trick-or-treating to homes that have porch lights illuminated.

Halloween Burn Safety Tips

- Look for flame resistant labels on costumes, masks, beards and wigs.
- Use fire resistant materials when making costumes.

- Avoid costumes made of flimsy material and outfits with big baggy sleeves or flowing skirts. They are more likely to come in contact with exposed flames.
- Keep candles, pumpkins with candles, matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Be careful with costumes around jack-o-lanterns or candles that may be serving as a porch/step decoration.
- Use light sources other than open flames to illuminate decorations (i.e. flamesless candles, battery operated lights, glow sticks, etc.)

Pedestrian and Motorist Safety Tips

- Children do not have the cognitive ability to make decisions about crossing the street with on-coming traffic until they are 10 years old. Children less than this age should not be making decisions about street crossings alone.
- Teach children to walk, not run while trick-or-treating.
- Remember to cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks.
- Remind children to stop at all street corners before crossing.
- If a vehicle is approaching, make sure the driver sees the child and watch that the wheels on the vehicle have stopped moving.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing and while crossing.
- Never let children dart into the street between parked cars.
- Motorists should slow down while driving in residential areas and watch carefully for eager and distracted children.

- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Watch for children walking in the street or on medians/curbs.
- Use costumes that are light or bright to make children more visible at night.
- Enter and exit driveways very carefully.
- Teach children to enter and exit cars on the curb side away from traffic.
- Decorate costumes with retro-reflective tape or stickers so children are more visible in low light conditions.

Falls Safety

- Apply face paint rather than wearing a mask. If a mask is worn, be sure that it fits properly and the eye holes are large enough for full vision.
- Have trick-or-treaters use a flashlight.
- Make costumes short enough to avoid tripping.
- Secure hats so they do not fall over children's eyes.
- Dress in shoes that fit; shoes that are too large put them at greater risk for falls.
- Allow children to carry only flexible knives, swords or props.
- Teach children not to cut across lawns. Lawn ornaments and clotheslines are "hidden hazards" in the dark. Stay on the sidewalks at all times.

