

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](http://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



- 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.)

## 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.

## 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.

