

**It's that time of year again...
the time when you see all
kinds of ghosts and goblins,
jack-o-lanterns are burning
brightly, and the tastiest
candies seem to be everywhere.
This year, the Laramie County
Sheriff's Office hopes that
you will take the time to go
over our safety tips with your
children before they venture
out to collect their treats.**



Special Tips for Parents

To avoid encouraging children to enter a stranger's home, never invite trick-or-treaters into your own home.

Remove any hazards from your own yard, steps and porch to avoid a child getting injured on your property.

Place jack-o-lanterns and candles where they cannot be knocked over or reached by children.

Give wrapped homemade treats only to children you know and wrapped commercial treats to others.

Be certain that children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager.

Know which friends your children will be with.

Do not leave your home unattended on Halloween night.

Leave your porch light on so children will know it's okay to visit your home.

Keep your pets inside (house, garage, or shed) on Halloween Night.



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**Play it
Safe this
Halloween**





Costumes

Keep costumes simple. Long and fancy ones could cause children to trip. Costumes should also be fireproof. (See Fireproofing Recipe below.)

Costumes should be made of white or light colored material to be easily seen at night. Reflecting patches or strips can also be added to the costume.

Regular street shoes should be worn as opposed to fancy "clown" or "pirate" shoes, high heels, etc.

Props such as guns or swords should be made of styrofoam or cardboard.

If jack-o-lanterns are carried, a flashlight should be inside instead of a candle.

At least ONE person in each group should carry a flashlight.

Fireproofing Recipe

Mix: 9 oz. Boric Acid
4 oz. Borax
1 qt. Hot Water

Saturate fabric and allow to dry. Washing will remove fireproofing but process may be repeated after washing.

Masks

Hats and masks should fit securely to prevent them from slipping over the eyes.

Better yet, instead of wearing masks, paint faces with make-up.

Apply a thin coat of cold cream before applying the make-up. This will enable the make-up to come off easier.

Treats

NOTHING should be eaten until a parent or responsible adult examines it first. (Be sure to tell the children this BEFORE they leave to go trick-or-treating.)

Cut and wash fruit before eating.

Throw away ANYTHING unwrapped.

Check the wrappers of commercial treats for signs of tampering.

Notify the law enforcement if harmful items are found.

Parties

Older children should attend parties instead of going trick-or-treating.

Younger children may enjoy attending a party organized by concerned parents in the area instead of going trick-or-treating.

Some party game suggestions are:

- Apple Bobbing
- Spook House
- Ghostly Dance
- Costume Contest

Trick-or-Treating

NEVER trick-or-treat alone!

A responsible adult or teen should accompany each group.

Try to limit the group size to four or five.

Try to trick-or-treat when it is still light outside.

Trick-or-treating should be for small children only. If the child is too old to be accompanied, he is too old to go trick-or-treating.

Children should walk and not run while trick-or-treating. They should only cross the street at the corner (after looking BOTH ways) and should never run between parked cars!

If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

Stay in your own neighborhood and only go to houses which have porch lights turned on.

Parents should know exactly what route their children are taking.

NEVER enter a stranger's house - even if invited.

Carry trick-or-treating bags that have handles in order to keep arms free.

