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Dear Parents / Carers,

With Halloween just around the corner, please see the link below for handy tips to keep your children safe whilst 'Trick or Treating.'

[Halloween Health & Safety Tips - HealthyChildren.org](http://HealthyChildren.org)

Best Wishes,

Sally Nichols
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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

6 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR KIDS TRICK-OR-TREATING AND OUT OF TROUBLE



WATCH THE ROAD!

Kids are **MORE THAN TWICE** as likely to be hit and killed by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year, according to child safety organization *Safe Kids Worldwide*.



EXPERTS RECOMMEND:

Trim costumes with reflective tape.

Carry flashlights or glow sticks to increase visibility for drivers after dark.

Beware of bad-fitting masks that can obstruct vision.



TAINTED CANDY

URBAN MYTH OR SERIOUS CONCERN?

While experts recommend parents or guardians inspect all treats and dispose of anything that appears opened, according to the *Chicago Tribune*, **there has not been a single reported case of a child poisoned by a stranger's candy.**

TALK TO YOUR KIDS

1 OUT OF **3**

parents talk to their children about safety on Halloween night

SET A CURFEW

29% 

of All Violent Crime Committed by Juvenile Offenders Occurs **BETWEEN 3 PM AND 7 PM**

26% 

of All Violent Crime Committed by Adult Offenders Occurs **BETWEEN 8 PM AND 12 AM**


Police recommend setting a specific time limit for older, unaccompanied children to return home on Halloween night.

USE "SOFT" PROPS

The Los Angeles Police Department recommends prop weapons such as swords and knives be made of a pliable material:



**SOFT RUBBER
STYROFOAM
CARDBOARD**

Any toy weapon that could be mistaken for a real firearm should be **avoided entirely.** 

LOOK FOR PORCH LIGHTS AND SIGNS

Some states and municipalities have ordinances requiring sex offenders post **"NO CANDY"** signs on their doors on Halloween to keep trick-or-treaters away.

Experts at *Crime Stoppers* also urge parents to keep their children away from homes **without porch or outside lights on.**



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CRIME WATCH DAILY