



Every year at this time children and their parents turn their thoughts to Halloween costumes, treats and activities.



The FDNY gives considerable thought to Halloween and advises parents about the importance of insuring your child's safety.

FDNY encourages families to use this special Halloween safety checklist to help ensure a safe and happy Halloween.

CANDLE SAFETY

Always use extreme care when using an open-flame candle. Last year, 20 people died from candle related / open flame fires in NYC.

Always have a "one-foot circle of safety" between a burning candle and any other material that may catch fire.

Never leave candles in a room unattended. Never leave candles burning in a location where a child or pet can knock one over and start a fire.



Fire Safety
Begins In the Home

- ✓ Install Smoke Detectors
- ✓ Have A Home Escape Plan
- ✓ Conduct A Home Safety Inspection

COSTUME SAFETY

1. Wear flame retardant material.
2. Avoid billowy costumes.
3. Wear white or light colored costumes.
4. Outer garments should be decorated with reflective tape or markings.
5. Costumes should be loose enough to allow unrestricted movement, and allows for the wearing of warm clothing underneath.
6. Costumes should be the correct length to avoid tripping.
7. For children wearing masks: be sure that it fits properly and has large openings for eyes, nose and mouth.
8. If using make-up, be sure that it is hypo-allergenic and non-toxic. A good tip: test for a possible allergic reaction 48-72 hrs (prior to application of make-up) by dabbing a small amount onto the forearm, and covering it with a bandage, check for a reaction in 48 hrs.
9. All props such as swords, wands and broomsticks should be flexible, and should not have sharp edges.
10. All children should have flashlights (definitely NO lighted candles)
11. Avoid wigs and floppy hats, they can burst into flames.
12. Avoid oversized shoes.
13. Avoid jack-o-lanterns lit by candles.
14. Avoid dogs-- even your own dog may be frightened by a costume.