

GEORGIA POISON CENTER



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

There are a lot of scary things about Halloween, don't let poison be one of them. Follow these simple rules to keep yourself and your family safe.

TRAVEL:

- Children should not trick-or-treat alone
- Make sure younger children travel with an adult and older children travel in a group
- Have a set time to return home
- Stay in local and familiar neighborhoods
- Do not enter into a stranger's house or car
- Carry a flashlight and a cell phone
- Walk on sidewalks and look both ways before crossing the street
- Do not walk across yards or go through alleys

ADULT PARTY:

- Use artificial lights instead of candles
- Do not drink and drive
- Do not allow someone to drink and drive
- Do not get in a vehicle with someone who has been drinking

CANDY:

- All treats should be taken home and checked by an adult before eating
- If wrappers are faded, have holes, tears or signs of rewrapping, throw them away
- Report suspicious treats to the local police

HOME:

- Remove anything from your yard or porch that could cause someone to fall
- Keep outdoor lights on
- Keep pets on a leash or in

COSTUME:

- Make sure face paint is hypoallergenic, non-toxic and easy to remove
- Secure face masks and hats and make sure they do not block their view
- Use soft and flexible materials for swords, knives and other props

CARVING PUMPKINS:

- If children are involved have them draw the face with a marker and have an adult do the carving
- Candle lit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy surface, away from objects that can catch fire



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