

PLAYING IT SAFE ON HALLOWEEN ENSURES A REAL TREAT

With costumes and candy, parties and pranks, adults and children alike look forward to Halloween. But, playing it safe while you are "tricking" and "treating" will ensure that the scary part of Halloween remains only pretend.

Following these simple Trick or Treating safety tips from Moore Protection will help to ensure a fun and safe Halloween for you and your children:

- Never go out alone (adults, as well as children should follow this tip).
- Go only to the houses that you know.
- Be sure that you check your children's treats before they eat any of them. Consider serving dinner before trick or treating, so your children are not hungry and are less likely to snack on their treats.
- Use common sense. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation or area—like a home that is too dark—leave.
- Also consider safety when selecting a costume. Select costumes that are fire
 proof and in light colors or reflective materials. If the costume is homemade, have
 your child carry a flashlight or some other object that will make him or her visible
 to drivers.
- Make sure that your child's costume fits, so that he or she doesn't trip and fall over it.

It is always a good idea to have your children fingerprinted—Halloween is just one more time of the year that reminds us of this. Keeping current identification records of your children will help police find them should the need arise. Many police departments offer free child fingerprinting. Keeping this information up to date and at hand, and following a few simple safety tips, will give you a little extra peace of mind, making Halloween a real treat!

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