

Alternative Halloween Activities to Celebrate Halloween with Confidence!

The guidance below, adapted from the [Interim Guidance for Halloween Event Organizers](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Halloween Guidance](#), outlines several lower and moderate risk activities, as well as the higher risk activities that should be avoided to help keep our NC communities safe. For a more extensive list, visit the links above.



LOW RISK

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household or with neighbors or friends outside at a safe distance and displaying them.
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space.
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt with household members.
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest.
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with.



MODERATE RISK

- Encourage no or low touch trick-or-treating.
- Line up individually wrapped goodie bags for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
- Place individual pieces of candy spaced out on a table for families/children to take themselves.
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are socially distanced.
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people are socially distanced.
- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people socially distanced.



HIGH RISK

Avoid these activities to help prevent the spread of the virus:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door or children take candy from a shared bucket.
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors.
- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors.

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