



Safety Tips For Your Family This Halloween

- Children should trick or treat with an adult. Adults should go over rules and ways to stay safe prior to leaving the house
- Establish a “safety” word for kids. Express to them the words importance and when it should be used. You may want to also let them know that it should not be shared with anyone. Trick or treat in well lit areas. Have your child carry a flashlight or glow sticks, this way your child can be seen by motorists and others out for a night of fun.
- Always use sidewalks when walking. If there are no sidewalks, be on the side facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- When walking, put cellphones away and keep your eyes up. Making sure you are aware of your surroundings and paying attention to vehicles and others around you.
- Use crosswalks and traffic signals when crossing the street. Be sure to double check the streets looking left, right, and then left again watching for cars that are turning and backing up. Cross the street at corners never darting across the street or in between parked cars where drivers may not see you.
- If you're allowing your teen to trick or treat without an adult, know the path in which your teen is planning to go. Go over safety rules and remind them how important it is to stay with their group and to trick or treat only in well lit familiar areas. In case of an emergency, make sure their phone is fully charged, and schedule check in times and set a curfew ... and of course don't talk to strangers!
- If plans are to drive children or let your teen drive around for trick or treating, **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE**. Children/teens are excited about Halloween so be sure to drive slowly especially outside and through neighborhoods. **DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE**. Keep your eyes on the road watching for children. **ALWAYS** pull over and park your vehicle if you need to operate a device. You know, it's a good idea to try and eliminate distractions inside your vehicle all together.