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Halloween festivities are full of fun, but can also be dangerous. Make sure your Halloween is filled only with treats! Avoid tricks and don't become a statistic with these safety tips!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

On a Day for Goblins and Tricks,

Make Safety a Treat



- Prevent fires by using battery-operated lights or glow sticks.
- Prevent trips & falls by wearing a costume that fits.
- Keep kids safe by keeping pumpkin carving to adults.
- Keep safe from COVID by following CDC advice to wear a mask.

3,600

HALLOWEEN-RELATED INJURIES

estimated per year over the past 3 years



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Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, CPSRMS, & NEISS





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When Trick-or-Treating, remember to Creep with Caution, Slither Safely, and Haunt Happily this Halloween!





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Don't forget about keeping your Zombie Dogs & Creepy Cats safe during Halloween festivities!



HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS



1. Keep Candy Out of Reach!

Many Halloween treats are toxic to pets. Chocolate can be dangerous or even fatal for cats and dogs. Sugar-free candies containing xylitol can also cause serious problems in pets. If you suspect your pet ingested something toxic, call your vet or the ASPCA Poison Control Center (888) 426-4435 immediately.

2. Avoid Dangerous Decorations.

Festive Jack-o-Lanterns and spooky dry ice certainly set the mood - but they can put your pet and home in serious danger. Flames used to light up the pumpkins can tip over leading to burns or a fire, while dry ice can cause serious harm to curious critters if ingested. Be mindful of safety when decorating!



3. Are Costumes Comfortable?

Trendy costumes may cause your pet unnecessary stress and discomfort. If you decide to dress up your pet, make sure they are safe and comfortable. Be sure they can see, move and breathe properly.

4. Use Collars With ID Tags.

Trick-or-Treating can either be stressful or exciting for your pets. This could lead to tempting behaviors for a playful run or worried escape. Be sure your pet has a visible collar with proper ID tags.



Keep Them Calm and Secure.

Halloween havoc during peak trick-or-treating hours can be overwhelming for pets. Noise, commotion, and strangers coming to the door could cause pets to be very nervous. Give your pets extra attention and keep them in a room where they feel relaxed with familiar background noises, such as a TV.





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The risk of a child being killed by a driver is <u>TWICE_AS</u> HIGH on Halloween! If you drive on Halloween, keep these safety tips in mind to help get everyone home safe!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS



Stay alert for increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic on Halloween



Watch for children darting from between cars in parking lots



Be careful when exiting/entering driveways and alleyways



Be careful especially in residential areas and be prepared to stop quickly



Make sure your headlights are on early in the day, it will be easier to spot children from greater distances



Slow Down! Give kids time to cross the street



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