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CAL FIRE offers Halloween Safety Tips for a Spooky and Safe Holiday

Ghosts, ghouls and monsters aren't the only things to look out for this Halloween. Accidents and mishaps increase dramatically when children trick-or-treat. CAL FIRE wants everyone to enjoy a fire-safe Halloween by following these tips:

Costumes

- Purchase costumes made of flame resistant or retardant material. Fire resistant does not mean fireproof.
- Apply reflective tape to Halloween costumes.
- Masks can obstruct vision – consider using make-up instead.
- Avoid loose, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.
- Keep hemlines short enough to prevent tripping.

Decorations

- Light jack-o-lanterns with a battery powered light – NEVER use candles!
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire.

Trick-or-Treating

- An adult should accompany children when trick-or-treating. Pick well-lit streets. If driving, be sure to watch for trick-or-treaters who are too busy to watch for you.
- Do not allow children to carry sharp sticks or other objects that could cause injury to others.
- Keep your yard free of tripping hazards, such as tools, hoses, etc.
- Children should be instructed to eat their treats only after parents have inspected them. Discard any unwrapped treats. If in doubt, throw it out!

CAL FIRE wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Halloween! For more Halloween safety ideas or other fire safety tips, please visit our web site at www.fire.ca.gov.

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