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Topic: **Halloween Safety Tips for Kids**

Costumes:

My costume is short and snug

 Baggy sleeves, big capes, puffy skirts can trip you up and catch fire if they brush against jack-o'-lanterns or candle flames.

My shoes fit

 Big Floppy shoes (clown shoes, adult shoes) that are hard to walk in may make you fall.



My costume props are flexible

 Costume props can hurt you badly if you fall. Make sure swords, knives, etc. are made of flexible plastic or rubber.

The eyeholes in my mask are wide enough

 Make sure if you wear a mask that it fits you properly and the eye-holes allow you to see fully. Don't wear a mask that is too loose; it can slop and block your vision. Even better, paint your face instead of wearing a mask. Make-up is a better option over masks.

Streets:

Drivers can see my costume in the dark

 Be original with a glow in the dark costume by attaching some reflective tape and stickers. Attach glow sticks to your costume.

I'm trick or treating in a group

 Don't go it alone while trick or treating. Kids, if you're under age 13, make sure you go with an adult. Older kids should always go with buddies.

I cross the streets at crosswalks and intersections

 Stop at street corners. Look left, right and left again before crossing, and don't cross between parked cars! Remember, never step into the street without looking to see if a vehicle is coming.

Treats:

I make sure my parents check my treats before I eat them

 Pick only wrapped candy when you trick or treat. Ask your parents to check all treats to make sure they are safe.

BE SAFE and HAVE FUN!

