



Lincroft Fire Company Halloween Safety Tips! BEFORE HALLOWEEN:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame. Avoid costumes with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.
 - Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. High heels are not a good idea.
 - Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
 - A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision.
 - Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
 - Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
 - When shopping for costumes, wigs, and accessories, look for and purchase only those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
 - Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props *must* be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
 - Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
 - This is also a great time to buy fresh batteries for your home Smoke Alarms.
 - Plan ahead to use only battery powered lanterns or chemical light-sticks in place of candles in decorations and costumes.
 - Teach children how call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free at any payphone.
 - Review with your children the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll", should their clothes catch on fire.
 - Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.
 - Consider purchasing individually packaged healthy food alternatives (or safe non-food treats) for those who visit your home.
 - Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous
- SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING:**
- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager when they go door-to-door. If you can't accompany your children, instruct them to trick-or-treat in their own neighborhood and in well-lighted streets.
 - If children are going to be out after dark, make sure they carry a flashlight.
 - Teach your children to use the sidewalks if they can. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing cars.