



Crime Prevention Quiz

Play it safe on Halloween and follow the advice in the Halloween Crime Prevention Quiz below.

Place a check beside the answer you feel is best.

1. Someone gives you candy that is not wrapped and sealed by a candy company.

You should:

- A. Eat the candy.
- B. Save the candy for another day.
- C. Throw the candy away.

2. One of the treats you were given has something suspicious sticking out of it. You should:

- A. Bite into the candy to see what it is.
- B. Tell your Mom and/or Dad immediately so they can report it to the police.
- C. Do not tell anyone and save the candy for later.
- D. Give the candy away.

3. The safest way to go trick or treating is:

- A. Alone.
- B. Late at night.
- C. On your bicycle.
- D. With your parents.

4. The best place to go trick or treating is:

- A. In a strange neighborhood.
- B. In your own neighborhood where you know people.
- C. Where there is a pumpkin in the window.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY QUIZ ANSWER KEY

1. C 2. B 3. D 4. B



You may contact the Los Angeles Police Department by calling the following, toll free, at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273) or TTY 1-877-275-5273 for the hearing impaired. You may also obtain additional information on this subject, along with additional crime prevention tips, by visiting the Los Angeles Police Department's Web site at www.lapdonline.org and clicking on the "Crime Prevention Tips" icon.

Should you have information regarding a criminal investigation or activity, please contact your local police station or the LAPD crime hotline at 1-877-LAWFULL (1-877-529-3855).

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Halloween Safety

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Halloween is an exciting time of the year and a particularly special treat for children. However, Halloween can be very stressful, as some people may play mean tricks and provide tainted treats. Parents and children should be alert to unnecessary hazards. Concerns about child security can ruin the joy of Halloween.

Crime Prevention Tips

The following crime prevention tips can help make Halloween safe and more enjoyable for everyone:

- Do not leave your home unattended;
- Keep your pet(s) indoors or other in another safe place;
- Walk through your neighborhood with others to discourage acts of malicious mischief and speeding motorists;
- Set a specific time limit for your child/children to be out;
- Only give homemade treats to children you know. Make sure the treats are properly wrapped;
- Give commercially wrapped treats to children you do not know;
- Instruct your children to never enter the home of a stranger;
- Never invite children into your home;



- Instruct children not to stray from their group;
- Children should never be allowed to go out alone;
- Always know who your children are with;
- Always escort your children. If you cannot escort your children, you should select another trusted adult to escort them;
- Adult escorts should carry flashlights;
- Children should walk, not run, to avoid tripping;
- Children should never accept rides from strangers;
- Turn your porch light on to let children know it's all right to visit your home;
- Instruct your children to stay in their own neighborhood and to trick or treat at homes that have porch lights on
- Know the exact routes your children will take;
- Children should never take shortcuts through backyards, alleys or parks;
- Children should carry trick or treat bags that have strong straps or handles. This allows a child to carry the bag in one hand, leaving the other hand free;
- Children should wear identification bracelets;
- Children should trick or treat during daytime hours;
- At night, children should stay on well-lit streets;
- Children should wear costumes made of white or light colored material. The costumes should be fireproof. If the costume is made of dark material, attach reflector tape on the costume to increase nighttime visibility;
- Children should wear comfortable, proper fitting costumes and shoes. Oversized costumes, shoes, boots or loose fitting high heels can make it difficult for children to walk.



Safety Tips

Props, such as toy guns, swords and knives should be made of soft rubber, Styrofoam, cardboard or other pliable material. Replica firearms that could be mistaken for real firearms should be avoided. If your child carries a jack-o'-lantern, a flashlight should be placed inside, not a candle. Children should use non-allergenic facial makeup instead of masks. Make sure you apply a thin coat of cold cream before application of any makeup. The makeup will come off easier if you do this. Masks can restrict vision. If your child wears a mask, make sure he/she removes it when he/she crosses a street. Older children should attend an adult-supervised Halloween party, instead of going out to trick or treat. Younger children may enjoy attending an adult supervised Halloween party instead of going out to trick or treat.

Children should look in all directions before crossing the street and should obey all traffic signals. Children should always walk on sidewalks and not on streets. Children should cross streets at corners. They should never cross streets between parked cars, in the middle of blocks or diagonally across intersections; and streets in rural areas without sidewalks should be avoided. If there are no sidewalks, children should stay as far left of the roadway as possible and walk facing traffic.

Halloween is a time for ghosts and goblins and fun with your friends. Almost everybody is nice, but sometimes a few people play mean tricks on children at Halloween. These tricks include putting dangerous things in candy and treats.