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Be bright
Be seen
Be safe

Helping keep children safe
this Halloween

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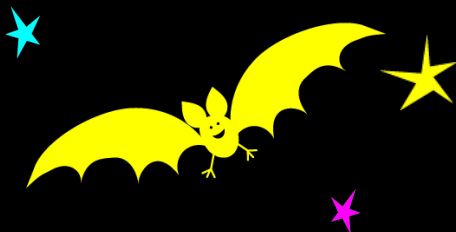


MERSEYSIDE
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Follow these spooky safety tips to have a happy and safe Halloween!

- **Set Clear Expectations** - talk to children about appropriate behaviour before heading out and remind them that damaging property, throwing eggs or flour, or causing a nuisance is not part of Halloween fun.
- **Be Polite** - encourage children to say "please" and "thank you" and be understanding if someone doesn't answer the door or doesn't have treats available.
- **Respect people's choices** - only visit homes that appear to be taking part in Halloween. If a property displays a "No Trick or Treat" sign or has no lights on, encourage children to move on without knocking.
- **Respect boundaries** - remind children to knock or ring the bell once and wait patiently. They should never look through windows or try to force an answer.
- **Stay together** - young children should always remain with a responsible adult. Older children should stay with friends, follow agreed boundaries and know how to contact you if needed.
- **Plan ahead** - stick to familiar, well-lit streets and agree a route and return time before setting out.
- **Be considerate** - encourage children to keep noise levels down, especially later in the evening, and to be mindful of neighbours, babies and pets.
- **Respect property** - remind children to stay on paths and avoid walking across gardens, flower beds or touching vehicles and decorations.
- **Check treats** - check all sweets and treats when you return home before allowing children to eat them.



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Children can easily become distracted when they're excited, so it's important to keep **road safety** in mind.

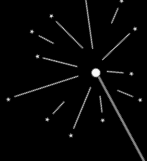
- **Plan your route** - walk on pavements whenever possible and use safe crossing places.
- Before crossing the road: **STOP • LOOK • LISTEN**
- Encourage **younger children to hold an adult's hand** when walking near traffic or crossing roads.
- **Help children be seen in the dark** - adding reflective or light-up items to costumes can help drivers see children more clearly.
- Use **reflective bands, reflective tape or light-up accessories**.
- Carry **glow sticks, torches or light-up wands**.
- Consider **face paint instead of masks**, masks can restrict vision and hearing.
- If masks are worn, encourage children to lift them when crossing roads.

Costume safety

- **Wear clothes under your costume** to add an extra layer of protection between your skin and your costume.
- **Keep away from flames and candles** - when trick-or-treating, stay clear of candles, lit pumpkins, bonfires and other naked flames. Keep costumes, hair and treats well away.
- **Choose safer lights** - use LED or battery-powered candles instead of real ones.



Firework and sparkler safety



Sparkler Safety

- Never give sparklers to children under 5
- Always supervise children
- Wear gloves and hold sparklers at arm's length
- Avoid loose or flowing clothing that could catch fire
- Never run or wave sparklers near others
- Never hold a child while holding a sparkler
- Place used sparklers in a bucket of water immediately

Firework Safety

Do

- Buy fireworks from reputable retailers
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions carefully
- Light fireworks at arm's length and stand well back
- Supervise children at all times
- Keep pets indoors

Don't

- Drink alcohol when handling fireworks
- Go near a lit firework, even if it appears to have gone out
- Put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Set off fireworks after 11pm

Would you know what to do if your clothing caught fire from a sparkler, firework or bonfire?

Don't panic. Remember: STOP, DROP and ROLL!

STOP what you are doing.

DROP to the ground and cover your face with your hands.

ROLL over and over until the flames are out.

