

Guide to safer Trick or Treating

- pre-arrange the homes your children are going to visit with the occupants, and only visit those homes
 - if your children are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stay together and only visit homes which are pre-arranged
 - plan the walking route beforehand and avoid busy intersections and unsafe areas
 - stay in familiar areas that are well lit
 - instruct your children to never enter a house or car for a treat
 - make sure children are visible by decorating costumes with reflective tape or stickers or carrying glow sticks or flashlights
 - use non-toxic face paint instead of masks which can obstruct vision
 - make sure that a child's costume fits properly and is suitable to prevent trips, falls and injury. Avoid costumes that include weapons such as plastic swords or other sharp edges
 - remember your road safety rules at all times
- STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK



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Celebrating Halloween has become popular in Australia, particularly for families with primary school aged children participating in 'trick or treat' door knocking in their suburb. Although good fun for children, there are risks associated with this activity.

What are these risks?

Because of a larger than usual number of young children walking around the neighbourhood to doorknock, the following risks are potentially increased

- car accidents involving children in driveways and on streets as children can be difficult to see and can act impulsively

- consumption of contaminated food or allergy triggers like peanuts
- getting lost or being intercepted by unknown adults

Many parents plan carefully to prevent the above risks by

- only allowing their children to trick or treat as part of an organised group supervised by responsible adults
- visiting houses that have been pre-arranged and
- ensuring costuming is appropriate and doesn't restrict vision or movement.

Sharing these sensible strategies developed by experienced parents with the broader community will help to ensure that children and parents have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

This safety brochure includes the following advice to serve as a reminder and planning resource for parents whose children will be trick or treating.

- if your children are under 12, trick or treat with them or put them in a group which is supervised by a responsible adult whom you know