



Bakersfield Composite Squadron #121



60-Second Safety Advisor #8

Halloween Safety Tips

If you allow your children to go trick-or-treating, help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe; it should be fire proof and the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision. If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire. Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving; Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer, although you can be cut by them as well. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can then carve for them. Treating your kids to a hearty dinner before trick-or-treating will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them. Dispose of "home made" or unsealed treats (unless they are from a trusted source). Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick-or-Treating. Many churches and other organizations also offer alternatives to trick-or-treating such as family fun festivals and carnivals. What ever you decide to do, make safety your highest priority!

