



## CELEBRATING “CHICAGO-WEEN” SAFELY

### TOP TEN SAFETY TIPS FROM UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES

On Halloween approximately 600,000 Chicago children age 14 and under will eagerly leave their homes disguised in costumes and in search of tasty treats. Underwriters Laboratories (UL) in partnership with the City of Chicago is reminding parents and kids to keep safety top-of-mind before, during and after the night’s festivities.

#### Parents make this Halloween safe by...

1. **Making sure costumes are short enough to prevent tripping and falling.** Tripping and falling is the leading cause of accidental injuries on Halloween. Make sure costumes are short enough so children can see their shoes.
2. **Using makeup instead of a mask.** If a mask is used, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.
3. **Making sure walkways are well-lit and free of decorations.** Decorations that obstruct a walkway could potentially cause eager trick-or-treaters to trip or fall.
4. **Using care when positioning Jack-o-lanterns outdoors.** Be sure they’re not placed in an area where a child’s costume could potentially catch fire.
5. **Keeping candles away from items that easily catch fire, such as decorations, window treatments, and paper.**
6. **Making sure children are supervised by a responsible adult.**

#### Kids make your Halloween fun *and* safe by ...

7. **Carrying a flashlight or adding reflective tape to costumes and/or trick-or-treating bags** so that you can easily be seen at night.
8. **Obeying all traffic signs and signals and be sure to walk -- not run -- from house to house.** Do not walk across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines may present dangers.
9. **Trick-or-treating only at the homes of neighbors you know.** Look for illuminated outside lights as a sign of welcome.
10. **Making sure you do not eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them.**

For more tips on how to keep your family safe visit, [www.ul.com/consumers](http://www.ul.com/consumers).