

Safety Week

October 20-26, 2013



It starts with Scouts.

Day 7 Halloween Safety

Halloween's right around the corner. Costumed kids are going to all head out into the streets at once, in the dark of night, knocking on the doors of neighbours—and strangers. There's plenty that can go wrong, but if youth follow sound advice, and if adults can follow a little themselves, then the night should be a fun, safe time.

BEAVER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Shoes should fit properly even if they don't go with your costume.
- Wear a bright costume to trick-or-treat.
- Make sure your costume fits. You shouldn't be tripping over it all night!

Scouters Tip:

Don't send kids out trick-or-treating wearing masks. Help them with a scary make-up job instead.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- [Halloween Meeting\(s\) Ideas](#)



CUB SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Include reflective elements in your costume.
- Bring a flashlight trick-or-treating.
- Wear a small LED light as part of your costume, or attach one to your candy sack.

Scouters Tip:

If a child's costume requires props, such as a sword, ensure that any sharp tips are cut off and smoothed down.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- If you're having a meeting before Halloween, plan to do it in costume. Have the Cub Scouts evaluate each other's costumes in terms of visibility and safety. Some small changes can make a big difference in terms of safety on Halloween night.
- If your group has the funds for it, provide your Cub Scouts with glow sticks that they can wear when they go out trick-or-treating (\$9.99 for four at your [Scout Shop](#)).



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SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Visit only lit houses.
- Walk, don't run.
- Avoid jaywalking.

Scouters Tip:

Consider using glow sticks to light your jack-o-lantern instead of candles. Nothing says spooky like a glowing green jack-o-lantern!

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Plan a trick-or-treating route in advance at a meeting. Use neighbourhood maps to plan a safe, manageable route that Scouts can share with their parents before going out. Best of all, a well-planned route should lead to a bigger haul!



VENTURER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- When carving jack-o-lanterns, use a sharp, sturdy knife that's not too big for the job.
- Have a first aid kit handy when carving pumpkins.
- Make sure that your costume is made up of flame-retardant materials.

Scouters Tip:

Keep the path leading to your door obstacle-free.

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Carve jack-o-lanterns at your next meeting. Do it safely.



ROVER SCOUTS

Tips to share:

- Avoid sharing Halloween treats that have nuts.
- Make transportation plans with a group if you're attending a Halloween party. Have a designated driver.
- Avoid driving in residential areas as much as possible.

Scouters Tip:

Keep pets indoors so that they don't bother trick-or-treaters (and vice-versa).

Resources and Program Ideas:

- Is your Crew organizing a haunted house for Halloween? Consult this [safety checklist](#).

