

## *Personal Safety*

### **H A L L O W E E N   S A F E T Y   T I P S**

#### **P A R E N T S**

- Choose a flame-retardant costume, and attach reflective tape to it.
- Make sure costumes are short enough to prevent tripping or entanglement.
- Inspect your own yard, porch, and walkway to eliminate tripping hazards like rakes, hoses, toys, etc.
- Make sure your home and walkways are well-lit.
- Always accompany young kids on the entire trick-or-treat route.
- If your kids are older, talk to them about the route they should follow, and agree on a return time.
- Tell your kids to stop only at well-lit homes and never to enter a stranger's home or car.
- Teach kids their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1.
- Feed your kids before they go trick-or-treating, and tell them not to eat any treats until they return home.
- Secure your pets. They might be frightened by strange costumes and sounds.
- If you light your jack-o'-lantern with a candle, keep it away from drapes and fabrics.
- Be extra cautious when driving. Watch for kids in dark clothing who might dart into your path.

#### **K I D S**

- Carry a flashlight to see and be seen.
- Walk slowly and stay in a group.
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Cross the street only at corners, and stay on sidewalks.
- Avoid strange neighborhoods, and approach only homes that have a light on.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Be extra careful when wearing masks, which can block your vision. Watch out for cars, in particular.
- Stay away from pets you don't know.
- Let your parents examine your treats before you eat them.

