

Halloween Safety

On a cold Halloween night, it is essential to take precautions with your little ones trick-or-treating. This festive holiday is spooky and fun, but can also turn tragic with the many candles lit throughout the night.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Purchase only flame-retardant costumes and accessories.
- Make sure costumes do not have baggy sleeves or extra long capes, which can easily brush against a candle and catch on fire.
- Dried cornstalks and other similar types of decorations are highly flammable. Keep them away from open flames and heat sources.
- Use candles with caution and supervise children around candles at all times.
- When lighting candles inside your carved pumpkins, use long, fireplace matches and place pumpkins away from any combustible materials.
- Keep exits clear of decorations and do not block escape routes.
- Use flashlights instead of candles when decorating walkways and yards.
- Be sure your children know how to stop, drop and roll should their clothes catch on fire. It's a good idea to practice this several times a year.
- To ensure that passing motorists can see your children, have them wear reflective tape, or carry a lightweight flashlight or glow stick.
- Do not use paper luminary bags with an open flame candle.

FACTS AND FIGURES:

- There are many fire and burn hazards lurking around the corner which could potentially ruin this bewitching holiday.
- As soon as temperatures begin to drop this season, have your furnace serviced and checked before turning it on.