

Toolbox Talks

Halloween Safety

It's the scariest night of the year! But with a little attention to safety, you can keep it fun & not frightful. Here are a few tips for you to follow:



Don't Frankenstein Your Lights

When purchasing electrical decorations, make sure to shop at a reputable retailer & look for the UL Mark. Be sure to check the rating on your extension cords & do not plug in more than the recommended wattage. Use special, heavy duty extension cords for high wattage decorations such as fog machines & electrically-powered inflatable decorations.



Inspect Decorations with Fiendish Care

Inspect all of your electric lights & decorations for damage or wear. Cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires & loose connections may pose a fire or shock hazard. Replace damaged light strings with energy-efficient LED lights. Look for a red UL Mark to indicate that lights are certified for both indoor & outdoor use. A green UL mark indicates certification for indoor use only.



Beware of Candles!

Candles, especially in a Jack O'Lantern, should be off the ground & out of children's reach. Try battery-operated LED candles for an even safer option.



Say Boo! to Unsafe Costumes

Be sure to purchase or make costumes out of flame-resistant materials such as nylon or polyester as these specially marked fabrics will resist burning & extinguish quickly. Make sure your child/children knows to stop, drop, & roll in case their costume catches fire.

Don't Trip Up Your Goblins

Halloween costumes should allow full movement for your kids. Costumes that drag, constrict, or drape pose a dangerous hazard, especially at night. Check to ensure that costumes don't restrict your children's vision, & instruct them to watch out for tripping hazards, such as cords.



Be Safe & Bright

Choose costumes that are lighter in color & attach reflective materials to costumes. Make sure each child has a flashlight to help them see & be seen.



Keep Hungry Monsters from Feeding

Never let your kids eat Halloween candy before you inspect it in the light at home. Even if you know your neighbors, you should always check to be safe & throw away open candy or anything that looks at all suspicious.

