



# Halloween Fire Safety Tips

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## Top Fire Safety Tips for Halloween Night

- The best costumes are light coloured or bright and reflective.
- Keep costumes short to avoid tripping and falling. Minimize the risk of contact with candles or other ignition sources by avoiding baggy pants, loose frills or billowing skirts.
- Make sure that children know how to call 9-1-1 or their local emergency number if they experience an emergency.
- Teach children to STOP, DROP and ROLL should their clothing catch fire: STOP immediately, DROP to the ground and cover face with hands and ROLL over and over to extinguish the flames.
- Consider using only battery-powered lights or chemical light sticks in decorations.
- Small battery-powered lights are the safest for use in jack-o'-lanterns. If you use a candle, try a tea light or votive candle in a non-combustible holder.
- Always keep candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Place candlelit jack-o'-lanterns on sturdy surfaces, away from anything that can burn, such as curtains and Halloween costumes.
- Keep decorations such as cornstalks and bales of hay away from candlelit jack-o'-lanterns.
- Ensure that electrical outlets are not overloaded with holiday lighting or special effects.
- Check that the batteries in your smoke alarms work.

