



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Lighting The Way To A Safer Holiday

(NAPSA)—Halloween is here! It's time for imaginations to soar as high as witches' broomsticks in the air. Children can become gruesome ghouls, pretty princesses or magical wizards. And, grownups can become trusted safety enforcers by ensuring children are fully equipped with flashlights, fresh batteries and some simple rules-of-the-road.

According to the National Safety Council, Halloween represents the biggest one-day surge of pedestrians on neighborhood streets. Daylight hours are shorter, and Halloween-related injuries happen primarily after dark. Based on these facts, it is important that ghosts and goblins be fully illuminated while they creep around neighborhoods, tricking for treats.

To help ensure that children are easily visible to nearby drivers, and that the ghosts and goblins can safely find their way to driveways and porches, Duracell recommends that grownups use Halloween as a reminder to change their flashlight batteries, relying on a brand they can trust.

Other Halloween safety tips to follow, as recommended by the American Red Cross, include:

- Wear light-colored clothing
- Put reflector tape on the backs of costumes and shoes
- Walk, slither and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Cross the street only at corners
- Don't hide or cross the street



Flashlights with fresh batteries are an important part of children's Halloween costumes.

between parked cars

- Plan your route and share it with your family—if possible, bring a grownup along
 - Use flashlights instead of candles in your jack-o'-lanterns
 - Visit homes with the porch light on
 - Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house
 - Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes
 - Be cautious of animals and strangers, and
 - Have a grownup inspect your treats before eating, and don't eat candy if the package is already opened
- By following these trusted tips, parents can help keep Halloween safe—and fun—for everyone.