



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



## Be Safe And Scary This Halloween

(NAPSA)—Fall is here and Halloween is not far behind. While children are getting ready to put on their spookiest costumes, grownups need to make sure that safety remains a priority.

The emerging herd of trick-or-treaters means an increase in the amount of ghosts and superheroes on the streets after dark. The National Safety Council says that Halloween represents the largest one-day surge of pedestrians onto neighborhood streets. With early nightfall and dark costumes making it difficult for drivers to see hazards on the road, it's important to keep children visible as they skulk about trying to scare up candy.

To keep our favorite spooks and fairy-tale princesses out of harm's way, grownups should make sure their children are easily seen at night. Arming them with flashlights and putting reflective tape on their costumes are two steps parents can take. Since having a non-working flashlight is like having no flashlight at all, Duracell would like to remind parents to take the opportunity to replace their flashlight batteries this Halloween with a new set that they trust will make it through the night.

Besides flashlights and reflective taping, the American Red Cross and Duracell also recommend these easy-to-follow tips for Halloween safety:

- Keep all haunting and walking on the sidewalks, not the street.
- Make sure to look both ways before crossing the street, especially at night, and cross only at corners.
- Don't use parked cars as hiding spaces or cross the street between them.



**A flashlight with new batteries is an essential tool for nighttime trick-or-treating.**

- Bikes and skateboards should also have reflective taping around them.
- Plan your route out and go over it with your family.
- Only visit homes that are well lit and visible from the street.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint instead of masks so visibility isn't blocked.
- Be careful when around animals or strangers.
- Be sure to check your flashlight's batteries before leaving the house. If the light seems weak, Duracell recommends inserting new batteries before children go off into the night.
- Make sure a grownup inspects treats before they're eaten. Don't eat candy if the package is already opened.

Parents should review these tips with their children before they leave the house to haunt the neighborhood. These guidelines can help make Halloween a safe and fun time for everyone involved.