



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

FOR PARENT'S OF
BLACK CHILDREN

TOP 34 TIPS - 2022

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As Halloween rapidly approaches, consider these 34 safety tips for parents of Black children. Some of these apply if you're chaperoning younger children Trick-or-Treating, while others are for older kids who will be going out with friends or by themselves.

1. Primarily, tell them you love and care for their safety which is why you're taking the necessary precautions to keep everyone healthy - without scaring them unnecessarily in the process.
2. Go over trick-or-treating safety rules with them before they go out.
3. Help them understand that they can still have a great time despite the current the climate of fear and tension.
4. For both children and adults, some costumes may trigger anxiety. If they are feeling overwhelmed, assure them this is not unusual and they can come to you with questions.
5. Make sure they know that they have a right to be treated fairly and with respect.
6. Create a group chat with your neighbors to share any incidents or safety concerns.
7. Make sure they know to stay with their group and not to wander off.
8. Go out in a group or a COVID-safe pod you have defined.
9. Choose a well-lit route.
10. Stick to familiar neighborhoods or streets.
11. Avoid dark houses or homes that don't have their porch lights on.
12. Only knock on the doors of people you know.



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13. Keep track of the time.
14. Let your child know when it's time to go home.
15. Try to avoid crossing paths with other groups of trick-or-treaters as you go from house to house. Wait for the others to leave before approaching a new house.
16. Help them choose a Halloween costume that is easily visible and does not obstruct their vision.
17. Make sure their costumes are flame-retardant and have reflector tape on them.
18. Choose face paint instead of masks, if possible. If they are going to carry a prop or weapon, make sure it is fake and cannot be mistaken for a real weapon, or choose another costume.
19. Bring a flashlight and/or fully-charged cell phone in case of emergencies
20. If your children are older, they might not want you to tag along. Check in with them frequently to ensure they're okay and enjoying themselves.
21. Instruct them not to enter strangers' homes or vehicles.
22. Remind your children that Halloween is a time to be with family and friends and that they can enjoy all the fun and sweets that come with it.
23. Have a solid plan in place if your child gets lost. Before your child goes out, consider establishing an emergency meeting place that your child knows.
24. Keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior while you're trick or treating.
25. Let them know that they can always come back if they don't want to continue Trick-or-Treating.



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26. Make sure they have a charged cell phone with them in case of emergencies.
27. If you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable, leave the area immediately.
28. Trust your instincts and don't hesitate to call 911 if something doesn't feel right.
29. Make sure they know your name, address, and phone number in case they need to reach you.
30. Put a name tag with this information on their costume or bag. This way, it will be easily accessible in case they need it. However, don't put their names on the outside of their costumes. Predators can call out their names as if they know them and kids are more likely to go to strangers that know their names.
31. Take a recent photo of your child in their costume, as well as a close-up shot of their face; this will come in handy if they manage to lose their way.
32. Make sure to go through your child's candy before they eat it, and explain to them why this is important.
33. If you decide not to take your kids trick or treating this year, help them understand why. It's important to let them know that you love them and want them to be safe.
34. There are many alternatives to the typical trick-or-treating that still let your children have fun on Halloween. For example, many churches and community organizations host supervised Halloween activities specifically tailored to different age groups. Or you could even throw a Halloween party at home! This is a great way to keep your kids safe while they're enjoying the holiday season.



Have a happy and safe Halloween by following these tips