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- Halloween Safety Tips -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. October 28, 2015 – Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department reminds people that there are many ways to keep your child safe on Halloween and offers the following Halloween safety tips:



Costumes

- Purchase costumes made of **flame retardant material** (Check the label).
- Costumes that are bright are easier to see at night.
- Use make-up rather than masks which could obstruct vision. If a child does wear a mask, make sure it does not restrict vision or breathing.
- For younger children especially, put a name tag with phone number and address in their costume in case they are found separated from others.
- Give your children glow sticks, glow rings or flashlights. You can also put reflective tape on their costumes to make them more visible to drivers.

Trick-or-treating

- It's best, especially for younger children, to trick-or-treat before its dark outside.
- Have children stay in groups.
- Keep your children within your eyesight.
- For older trick-or-treaters: if they are out without parental supervision, know where they are going, keep in touch throughout the night and agree on a time for them to return home.
- Inspect candy before children eat it; if it's not wrapped, throw it away.

If in doubt, throw it out.

Home decorations

- Spray decorations with flame retardants if possible.
- Do not use open flames; use battery-operated candles for jack-o-lanterns or other decorations.
- If using dry ice, keep out of reach of children.

- Remember, if you are driving on Halloween, take care and slow down....watch out for trick-or-treaters who will be too busy to watch out for you.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department hopes that these safety tips will help you have a fun and safe Halloween this year.

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