

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is an exciting time for kids. Keeping this in mind, the North County Fire Authority wants to remind everyone in the community the importance of having a safe Halloween. The following safety tips will ensure a fun holiday for everyone:

- Ensure costumes, wigs, masks and props are labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When making a costume choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid costumes that are too big or billowing.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry as part of their costume.
- Supervise children at all times.
- Remind children of safety rules about crossing the street and watch for children darting out between cars.
- Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches on fire (stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames).
- Consider using flashlights or battery-operated candles when illuminating Jack-O-Lanterns.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- If hosting a party, keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards.

You may obtain additional information on general fire safety at www.northcountyfire.org.