

# TRICK or TREATING

## SAFETY TIPS

It's that special time of year when, as the moon rises, children quake in fear & hunt for small prizes.

"Trick or treat?" they ask. "Well, that all depends on how scary the mask & how spritely your friends."

As a keeper of the candy & a parent of the small, these tips will come in handy for the safety of one and all.

### TIP #1 EAT before you TRICK-OR-TREAT



With all of their adventuring, your trick-or-treaters are bound to get hungry, so be sure to feed them to avoid grumbling tummies. To prevent your children from eating their Halloween candy before you've checked it, make sure that they have full tummies before they head out.

### TIP #2 LIGHT UP the NIGHT



It's true that there are street lights, but are they enough to protect them from all of the scary stuff between houses? It's safer for your kids to have a flashlight or lantern so they can see where they're going and others, including drivers, can see them as well.

### TIP #3 PLAN before they SCRAM



On a night full of mischief, you'll want a plan B in the event that your little ones lose their skeleton key. There's nothing worse than being locked out of the house, and when everyone has plans, it can happen. Be sure to plan in advance so your kiddos aren't left out in the cold.

### TIP #4 SCOUT the ROUTE



You'll be giving out candy while the kids hunt for treasure, so be sure you know the way before they go venture. If something happens to your children, you'll want to know where they are. The same is true if your kiddos are late coming home. Be prepared so you don't have to worry later.

### TIP #5 ADDRESS for SUCCESS



There's no better boundary than the one that's stated. Be clear so that nothing can be debated. If you have certain expectations about how the night should go, be sure to talk with your kids before they head out the door. If your kids know how you feel about a certain activity, they'll be more likely to make the right choice.

