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Fire Prevention Daily Quick Drills - Easy Access to Training

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Did You Know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in more than **1,000** reported home fires each year.

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torchlights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

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Halloween Safety

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eyeholes are large enough so they can see out.

Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.

Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. **Keep** these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, and heaters.

It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-olantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)



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