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## Tips for a Safe and Happy Halloween

It is that time of year when pumpkins glow in the dark and gremlins and goblins come knocking on your door seeking “TRICKS or TREATS.”

Summit County Halloween events begin mid-October. Check with your local municipality for Trick or Treat dates and times in your area. For the web sites of Summit County Cities, Villages and Townships, visit:  
<http://www.co.summit.oh.us/conaffairsHelpLinks.htm>.

### Below are important safety tips to ensure all a safe and fun time:

-  Keep jack o' lanterns and other decorations containing lighted candles away from doorsteps and walkways; children's costumes can touch them and catch fire.
-  Make or buy costumes that are light and bright or apply reflective tape on costumes for better visibility to motorists.
-  Costumes should be short enough to prevent tripping and falling and wear sturdy shoes for walking.
-  Swords, knives, and other similar costume accessories should be made of soft or flexible materials.
-  Do not obstruct vision, consider face paint or costume makeup. If hats, masks or wigs are used make sure they are tied on well and fit well to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
-  Carry flashlights to see and be seen.
-  Look both ways before crossing the street and cross at street corners. Do not run between parked cars or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture or clotheslines present dangers.
-  Visit homes with porch lights on.
-  Adults should accompany smaller children. Children who are old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult should stay in a group – there is safety in numbers.
-  Remind children not to eat any candy before coming home. Parents should carefully examine all treats for signs of tampering, and discard anything not sealed or in its original packaging.

