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## *Parent Newsletter October 2021*

### **Costume Safety**

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, [fda.gov](http://fda.gov) has compiled a list of [Halloween safety tips](#). Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- opt for nontoxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision; always test makeup in a small area first to see if any irritation develops

Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

### **When They're on the Prowl**

Here's a scary statistic: Children are [more than twice as likely](#) to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents.

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends

Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to [avoid any food allergies](#)

Children and adults are reminded to [put electronic devices down](#), keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street



## Safety Tips for Motorists

NSC offers these additional safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
  - Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
  - At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

Do you need assistance finding quality child care? The Child Care Council can help! We provide free, customized referrals to licensed/registered child care providers in Chautauqua County. Please contact 1-800-424-4532 to get started or email [Childcare@chautopp.org](mailto:Childcare@chautopp.org)

Interested in starting your day care? The Chautauqua Child Care Council Can help you to get started. For more information call 716-664-9430 Ext. 2289 or 2290.

Does your child's caregiver participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)? CACFP helps providers serve healthy meals and snacks to your child by reimbursing him or her for following nutritious guidelines. If your provider doesn't participate in the CACFP, talk to him or her about signing up. For more information, contact Chris Wigren, CACFP Specialist, at 716-661-9430 ext. 2269 or [cwigren@chautopp.org](mailto:cwigren@chautopp.org).

