HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

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

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

Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters. Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily.

Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. 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 a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

Tell children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. 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 their hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

Halloween Parties
If your 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 as well as a safe meeting place outside.

Remember
Keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.