



Central County Fire Department October Newsletter

BE HALLOWEEN SAFE

DID YOU KNOW

HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

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 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. Keep an eye on children at all times around

candle lit pumpkins. 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, and walkways.

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.

What causes most Halloween fires?

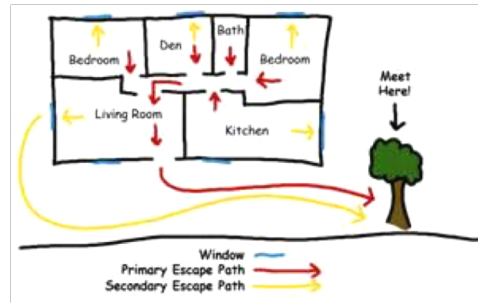
The leading causes of Halloween residential fires were cooking (44 percent), heating (15 percent), other unintentional careless actions (7 percent), open flame (6 percent), electrical malfunction (6 percent), and intentional actions (5 percent). Source: NFIRS 5.0.



Did you know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year in the

U.S. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle.



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