

**EDINBURG CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Halloween Safety Tips
Mind Your Munchkins

1. Keep the lights on, both inside and outside, to welcome and protect trick-or-treaters.
2. Be friendly, but do not invite trick-or-treaters inside; you would not want your children going into a stranger's home.
3. Get creative – create a costume using makeup instead of a mask. If you do use a mask, make sure the eyeholes are large to allow full vision.
4. Costumes should be light colored and/or decorated with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks also should be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle and sporting goods stores.
5. Costumes, masks, beards and wigs should be made of flame resistant fabrics such as nylon or polyester. Look for the label "Flame Resistant". Flame resistant fabrics will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.
6. Costumes should be well fitted. Little ghosts and goblins can trip and fall if their costumes drag on the ground.
7. Decorate, decorate, decorate...but keep candles, luminaries and Jack-O-Lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flames.
8. Always accompany your young munchkins on their trick-or-treating route. Consider throwing a bash for your munchkins and their friends, complete with Halloween decorated treats.
9. If your older trick-or-treaters go out without an adult, they should always be in a group and you should know their route.
10. Make sure that treats you offer are wrapped and sealed, and carefully inspect your children's treats before letting them dig into their riches.
11. Remind your children of everyday safety...do not go in stranger's cars, do not go in stranger's houses and abide by all traffic laws – **Go on Green, Stop on Red, Look Left, Right, Left before crossing.**
12. Keep the whole neighborhood safe by reporting any suspicious activity to the **Police** by **Dialing 9 1 1.**

“HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN”

“ECISD Safety Always”

