

# FIRE SAFETY TIPS

FROM YOUR PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



## Safety Guidelines for Trick-or-Treaters and Parents:

- Choose a costume that is bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and the costume is short enough to prevent tripping.
- When shopping for a costume, wigs and accessories purchase those with a label clearly indicating the product is FLAME RESISTANT.
- Keep away from open fires and candles.
- Carry a flashlight and use reflective tape on costumes and treat bags.
- Use only battery powered lanterns or chemical lightsticks in place of candles in decorations and/or used with costumes.
- Masks can limit sight. Use non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as a safe alternative.
- Ideally, young children should be accompanied by an adult. If an adult is not present, parents should be sure their children know how to call 9-1-1 in case they have an emergency or become lost. Parents should know the route their children are taking.
- Visit homes that have the porch light on. Accept treats at the door but NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods and obey all traffic signals.
- Cross the street only at corners and be sure to look both ways before crossing.
- Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- Review with your children the principle of the **STOP – DROP – ROLL** safety technique, so they know what to do in case clothes catch on fire.
- Though tampering is rare, an adult should closely examine all treats before they are eaten and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Drivers should be alert and drive slow, slow, slow!!!

**Don't forget:**

**This is a good time of year to buy fresh batteries for your home smoke detector!**



**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!**