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**MAKE HALLOWEEN FUN, NOT HORRIFYING WITH THESE TIPS  
FROM THE BURNSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Halloween is just around the corner. The Burnsville Fire Department would like to remind parents to talk to their trick-or-treaters about fire safety, and also practice a few tricks in and around their homes to keep everyone safe.

- 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
- Avoid masks that obstruct vision, and avoid loose and flowing costumes to avoid trips and falls
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers
- Provide children with flashlights or glow sticks as part of their costume so they can see and be seen
- Use flameless candles or glow sticks in pumpkins, and look for flame-resistant costumes
- Remind trick-or-treaters to be careful around pumpkins and porch decorations that may have candles inside
- Teach kids to "stop, drop and roll" if a costume catches fire
- Keep decorations that include hay, straw, corn stalks and other combustible material away from ignition sources like lights

Following these few simple tricks can help ensure that everyone has a safe evening.

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