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Halloween Fire/Safety Tips

Sacramento- It's that time of year to get out the costumes and candy and have fun. CDF and State Fire Marshal Ruben Grijalva remind you to have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

Helpful tips:

On Halloween night:

- To light Jack-O-Lanterns use battery powered lights – not candles.
- Keep small children away from open flames.
- Remove objects from the yard that present a hazard to children (garden tools, hoses, etc.).
- Be extremely careful with cornstalks and other harvest-season items. Keep them away from sources of heat. Don't let them block doorways or stairs.
- Do not allow children to carry sharp sticks or other objects that could cause injury.
- If you are driving on Halloween, take care...watch out for trick-or-treaters who will be too busy to watch out for you.
- Closely inspect all candy before allowing children to eat it. Discard any unwrapped treats from a stranger. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Look for alternative activities in your neighborhood. Churches, community centers, and shopping malls often offer a place where children can have fun and be safe.

Choose the right costume:

- Use only costumes made of flame retardant material.
- Keep hemlines short enough to prevent tripping and avoid baggy sleeves, or billowing skirts.
- Costumes should be made of a light color material that can be seen easily. Also, use glow in the dark reflective tape on the costume.
- Masks can obstruct vision. Use make-up instead.

For more tips:

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