

Quick Tips:

- Young children should trick-or-treat with an adult.
- Never trick-or-treat alone. Have at least two buddies go with you.
- Plan your route and make sure your family knows what it is.
- Make sure you are wearing a flame retardant costume.
- Let your parents check your candy before you eat it.
- Be cautious of strangers.
- Accept treats only in the doorway. Do not go inside the house.
- Remember to say thank-you for your treats.
- Don't play near Jack-o-lanterns.
- Visit only houses where the lights are on.
- Walk, do not run.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk.
- Carry a flashlight.



Public Safety Resource Numbers

In an Emergency: Dial 9-1-1

- To Report a Crime in Progress
- To Report Suspicious Activity
- In a Medical Emergency

For Non-Emergency Activity: 617-349-3300

- To File a Police Report
- To Find a Towed Vehicle
- For Assistance with Homeless Population

Anonymous Methods to Report Information:

Call the Anonymous Crime/Drug Tip Hotline:

- Dial 617-349-3359 and leave a voicemail with the information you wish to share with police.

Send an Anonymous Text-A-Tip:

- Send a text message to Tip411 (847411). Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message.

Email Anonymous Tips:

- Report suspicious activity or share information with the police via the email form located at www.CambridgePolice.org



Cambridge Police

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Cambridge Police Department
125 Sixth Street
Cambridge, MA 02142

Main Telephone Numbers
(Non-Emergency): 617-349-3300
Emergency: Call 9-1-1

www.cambridgepolice.org
[www.twitter.com/CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice)
www.Facebook.com/CambridgePolice

Costumes:

- When purchasing costumes, masks, beards, wigs, etc., look for flame resistant fabrics such as nylon or polyester or look for the label "flame Resistant". Flame resistant fabrics will resist burning and should extinguish quickly. To minimize the risk of contact with candles and other fire sources, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.



- Purchase or make costumes that are light, bright and clearly visible to motorists.
- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes 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.
- Children should carry flashlights to see and be seen.
- Costumes should be well fitted and not drag on the grounds to guard against trips and falls.

- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Oversized high heels are not a good idea.
- Tie hats and scarves securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes and obstructing vision.
- If your child wears a mask, make sure it fits securely, provides adequate ventilation, and has eye holes large enough to allow full vision.
- Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be made of soft, flexible material.

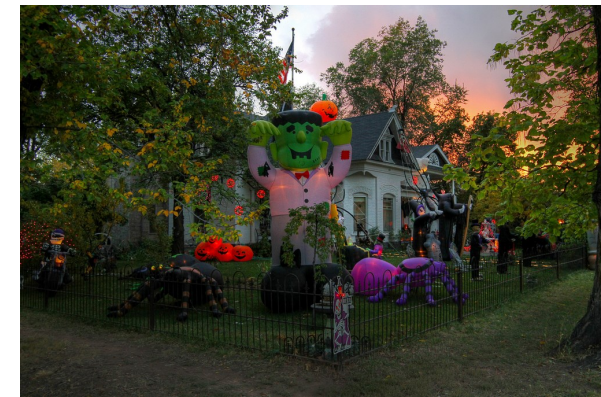
Treats:

- Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has examined them carefully for evidence of tampering.
- Carefully examine any toy or novelty items received by trick-or-treaters under three years of age. Do not allow young children to have any items that are small enough to present a choking hazard.



Decorations:

- Keep candles and jack-o-lanterns away from the landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
- Remove obstacles from lawns, steps, and porches when expecting trick-or-treaters.



- Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory. Check each set of lights, new and old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets.
- Don't overload extension cords.