Be Smart, Keep Kids and Poisons Apart

Halloween Safety
Helpful hints to keep your kids safe

Before you go out:
- Feed your children to help cut the urge to snack on the route.
- Bring your own candy, so your children won’t eat unchecked treats.
- Costumes should be flame-retardant, warm and not too long.
- Masks should fit properly and have large eyeholes.
- Use non-toxic face paint or makeup.

While you are out:
- If you have small children, go out before dark.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult, carry a flashlight and wear flame-retardant, reflective clothing.
- Put reflective on trick-or-treat bag.
- Trick-or-treat only in familiar, well-lit areas.
- Only visit homes you know.
- Look both ways carefully before crossing streets.
- Use crosswalks when possible and don’t run from between parked cars.
- Stay away from dogs or other animals.
- Glow sticks and necklaces can help to illuminate after dark.
- Be careful not to break or bite glow sticks.
- Give and accept wrapped candy only.

After you are home:
- Carefully check all treats before allowing your children to eat them.
- Only eat candy from original, unopened, and undamaged wrappers.
- Throw away candy if wrappers are faded, torn, or show signs of re-wrapping.
- When in doubt, throw it out!!!!!

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