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Halloween Safety Tips from Dixon Law Office

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As Halloween approaches, excitement is in the air for the young and the young at heart. But there are also risks that can turn a fun night into a fright. Here are some simple ways to keep everyone safe:

1. Costume Safety

- Check the fit: Ensure costumes fit properly. Costumes that are too long can lead to trips and falls, which are common injuries on Halloween night.
- Flame-Resistant Fabrics: Look for flame-resistant labels to protect against accidents around candles or jack-o'-lanterns.
- Visibility is Key: If costumes include masks, make sure they allow full vision and breathing. Reflective tape or glow sticks can improve visibility to drivers.

2. Safe Trick-or-Treating Tips

- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street, and cross at crosswalks.
- Report bad behavior: As the song goes, *"If there's something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call?"* If you see any bad behavior, contact local authorities before serious trouble happens.
- Adults should supervise younger children. While kids might think they are old enough to handle it themselves, supervision is key to safety. Play them the song *"Somebody's Watching Me"* by

Rockwell as you're doing it, just to annoy them.



3. Drive with Extra Caution

- **Slow Down in Neighborhoods:** Children can dart out unexpectedly, so keep speeds low in residential areas. A study in the journal *Pediatrics* found that children ages 5 to 14 have a 43% higher risk of pedestrian death on Halloween compared to other evenings.
- **Look Twice:** Use extra caution at intersections and driveways, and double-check for pedestrians.

4. Don't Drive, Use Rideshare

- Halloween ranks as one of the days with the highest incidence of drunk driving incidents. If you are enjoying the evening with adult beverages, make sure to use a rideshare service or find a sober buddy to drive.

5. Candy Safety

- **Check Before Eating:** Examine candy for any signs of tampering. Stick to factory-sealed treats.
- **Avoid Homemade Treats:** Unless they come from someone you know and trust, it's safest to skip homemade items.
- **Pace the consumption:** poison control centers report an uptick in calls on Halloween due to overeating.
- **Don't let Rover devour:** many types of candy can be poisonous to animals so make sure the treats are out of reach of your non-human animals.

If you or someone you know has questions about safety or personal injury, we're here to help. At [Dixon Law Office](#), we're dedicated to helping families stay safe and informed year-round.



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