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# Halloween Fire Safety Tips



## Candles

There are several alternatives to candles that provide substantial light and a spooky atmosphere. Try flashlights or flameless LED candles to decorate safely this Halloween.

When using candles:

- **Make** sure they are away from anything flammable like decorations, costumes, and curtains.
- **Never** leave a burning candle unattended.
- **Light** candles inside jack-o-lanterns using long sticks or a BBQ lighter.



## Costumes and Decorations

- **Always** consider safety when choosing costumes for you and your family!
- **Read** the label: are your family's costumes, wigs and accessories flame-resistant or flame-retardant? Are decorations certified by a recognized organization like [Underwriters Laboratories Canada](#)?
- **Many** traditional Halloween decorations are highly flammable. Keep these away from any source of heat.



## Activities

- **Teach** children about fireworks. Tell them that if they find fireworks, they should not touch them, but tell an adult immediately! Tell children *never* to pick up a firework.
- **Even** adults need to practice firework safety: Only trained individuals should put on firework displays.
- **Halloween** is social season! Talk to your children and family members about identifying safe exit routes when attending parties at other peoples' homes.



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