Keeping Kids Safe on Halloween

Halloween is an exciting holiday for children, but they can be vulnerable to injury on this night. To ensure trick-or-treaters stay safe, Safe Kids recommends that children:

Safe Kids Walk This Way

- always trick-or-treat with an adult until age 10

- only trick-or-treat in familiar areas that are well lit

- cross streets at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks

- look left, right and left again when crossing; always walk, don't run, when crossing streets

- make eye contact with drivers and watch for cars that are turning or backing up

- walk on sidewalks or paths; if there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible

- never dart out into the street or cross in between parked cars

- wear light-colored, flame-retardant, costumes decorated with retro-reflective tape or stickers

- wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes to prevent trips and falls

- carry a flashlight or glow stick to increase visibility to drivers

- wear face paint and makeup; a mask can restrict a child's vision

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Driving Safely on Halloween

Drivers need to do their part to keep trick-or-treaters safe from harm. FedEx reminds motorists to be extra careful this Halloween and recommends that drivers:

Safe Kids Walk This Way

- be especially alert in residential neighborhoods

- drive more slowly and anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic on and near the road

- be sure to drive with your full headlights on so you can spot children from greater distances

- take extra time to actively look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs

- remember that costumes can limit children's visibility and they may not be able to see your vehicle

- enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully

- remember that children are excited on this night and may move in unpredictable ways

- remember that popular trick-or-treating hours are during the typical rush-hour period, between 5:30-9:30 p.m.

- reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and pedestrians

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