



# Public Safety

## News and Tips

### Halloween Safety Tips

### It's Halloween!

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candy. What a perfect holiday. In all the excitement of the evening children often forget about safety. It's important that parents review safety tips with their children. Regardless of age, sit them down and go over some safety rules before they begin their night of trick-or-treating.



**EMERGENCY  
IN PROGRESS  
911**

**NON-EMERGENCY:**  
Fire (916) 774-5800  
Police (916)-774-5000  
Extension 1

#### Police Department

1051 Junction Blvd.  
Roseville CA 95678  
(916) 774-5000  
[www.roseville.ca.us/police](http://www.roseville.ca.us/police)

#### Fire Headquarters in Fire Station #1

401 Oak Street, Suite 402  
Roseville, CA 95678  
(916) 774-5800  
[fire@roseville.ca.us](mailto:fire@roseville.ca.us)

#### Abandoned Vehicle Hotline

(916) 746-1022

#### Alarms/Alarm Permits

(916) 774-5093

#### Animal Control (916)774-5090

#### Community Events & Neighborhood Watch (916) 774-5050

#### Graffiti Abatement (916) 746-1021

#### Weekly police news & crime alert emails: [www.roseville.ca.us/ enotify](http://www.roseville.ca.us/enotify)

#### Roseville Crime Stoppers

[www.rsvlcrimestoppers.org](http://www.rsvlcrimestoppers.org)  
(916) 783-STOP

#### RCONA

(Roseville Coalition of  
Neighborhood Associations)  
[www.RCONA.org](http://www.RCONA.org)

#### Police & Fire Community Relations

Rob Baquera  
(916) 774-5057  
[www.roseville.ca.us/police](http://www.roseville.ca.us/police)



### Choosing your Costume:

(From Safe Kids Worldwide and [Complianceandsafety.com](http://Complianceandsafety.com))

- **Choose colors that are bright and vivid.** This tops the list of safety tips that are easy to implement and make a huge difference.
- **Choose reflective material,** or add reflective tape to increase visibility.
- **Choose flame-retardant material.** The label should read "flame resistant."
- **Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible.** Some masks can obscure vision and restrict breathing.
- **Stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric** in a costume. This can be especially dangerous around open flames such as in a jack-o-lantern.
- **Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights** to help them see or be seen by drivers. Remember the liquid in glow sticks is also hazardous. Remind children not to chew on or break them.
- Lower your risk for serious eye injury **by not wearing decorative contact lenses.**
- **Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes.** Mother's high heels are not a safe idea.
- **Costumes should be short enough** to prevent children from tripping or falling.
- Teach your children to **stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire.** (Have them practice, **stopping** immediately, **dropping** to the ground, covering their face with hands, and **rolling** over and over to put out the flames.)



### Safety Tips:

**Young children should not be alone at night without adult supervision.** If your child is old enough to be out without supervision make sure to review these safety tips with them.



### Teach your trick-or-treater to:

- Stick to familiar neighborhoods.
- Visit only homes that are well-lit and look welcoming.
- Always travel in groups, there's often safety in numbers.
- Avoid isolated and dark areas.
- Avoid shortcuts, and stay on the main street in well-lit areas.
- Stick to a planned route and adhere to a time limit.
- Always carry a cell phone and a flashlight.



### Checking the Candy



Of course the best thing about Halloween is the candy! Before your child sneaks that piece of candy make sure he/she knows that you need to check their candy first.

- Remind children to eat only treats in original unopened wrappers.
- Candy should be thrown away if the wrapper is faded or torn, or if the candy is unwrapped.
- Explain that they should not eat homemade treats.

### Resources

- National Fire Protection Association [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)
- U.S. consumer Product Safety Commission [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)
- Safe Kids Worldwide [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)

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## October is Fire Prevention Month



### Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together on special occasions and to share a meal. However, did you know that **cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries?**

The National Fire Protection Association and the Roseville Fire Department would like you to “cook with caution” each and every day. Here are a few tips you might want to review with anyone who spends time in the kitchen.

- **Be alert!** If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. **Always remain in the home while foods is cooking**, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- **Keep anything that can catch fire** — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — **away from your stovetop.**



(from [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education))

### If you have a cooking fire...

- **GET OUT!** When you leave, close the door.
- **Call 9-1-1.**
- If you are trying to put out a small fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

### Facts

- **The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.**
- **Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.**

Data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)



### Learn About Smoke Alarms

According to the National Fire Protection Association,

*almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without **working smoke alarms**. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire. Smoke alarms must be maintained! A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all.*

### Children and Smoke Alarms

You would think that the loud, high-pitched sound of a smoke alarm would awaken almost anyone. However, parents know that some kids can sleep through anything. How about your children. Will they wake up when the smoke alarm goes off?



Dr. Gary Smith, a researcher at Ohio's Nationwide Children's Hospital has been studying smoke

detectors and sleeping children for years. "Children spend more time in deep sleep than adults do, and that's why it's harder for them to awaken in the case of an emergency," Smith explained.

The U.S. Fire Administration offers these tips:

- Smoke alarms are a **tool** in a home escape plan.
- Parents need to understand **their role** in the escape plan.
- **Establish** and **go over** the escape plan with your family.
- Do a **walk-through** of the plan.
- Hold a fire drill at night (**activate your alarm**) while your children are sleeping so that you can determine the appropriate response to an alarm.
- **Practice** your plan often.

### Facts

- **Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.**
- **Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.**

Data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)