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NATURE OF INCIDENT: Halloween Safety Tips

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INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth, MN

SUBJECT: Halloween Safety Tips

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Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year for children, but sometimes hectic for parents and guardians. This Halloween, take a moment to consider basic safety precautions to help make your children's Halloween a safer night of fun.

Before Halloween

- **Choose bright costumes, and have children carry flashlights or glow sticks so they are easily visible. (Hint – Try adding reflective tape to costumes and candy bags!)**
- **Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets.**
- **Make sure children know your cellphone number, their home telephone number, and address in case you get separated. Consider giving them a cellphone so they can reach you easily.**
- **Teach children how to call 911 in an emergency.**
- **Teach children to say “NO!” in a loud voice if someone tries to get them to go somewhere, accept anything other than a treat, or leave with them. Tell them to try everything they can to escape, including yelling, hitting, and kicking.**

On Halloween

- **Make sure older children take friends and stay together while trick-or-treating.**
- **Never send younger children out alone – they should be with a parent, guardian, or another trusted adult.**
- **Always walk younger children to the door to receive treats.**

- Don't let children enter a home unless you are with them.
- Be sure children do not approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless you are with them.

