

Halloween Safety Tips



Halloween in Broadview is celebrated on October 31st, with "Trick or Treat" hours from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, and their guests. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween - Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time!

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof. The eyeholes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.
- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.
- Treating your children to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.
- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.
- Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.
- Children should not enter homes unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches. Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.
- Children always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer. It's best to let the children clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.
- Teaching your children basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars with strangers and not talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

"Patriot's Day" at Lindop School

For many students at Lindop School, September the 11th is just another day. For the rest of us, this day is full of mixed emotion. Fear and sadness have given way to pride and reflection. The administration at Lindop School feels that it is extremely important for all of us to remember the sacrifice made by so many on that horrific day, but also to honor those who still proudly serve their communities, ready to face whatever challenge may come.

Members of the Police and Fire Departments attended "Patriot's Day" at the school on the 12th anniversary of 9/11. Lindop students and Broadview first responders took part in a ceremony to honor the occasion. We were grateful to receive hundreds of hand written letters of appreciation from the students, and as always, we were honored to attend.



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