



HALLOWEEN SAFETY REPORT

A guide to keeping your children safe this Halloween

Kids In Danger - Fall 2022



KID's mission is to save lives by enhancing transparency and accountability through safer product development, better education and stronger advocacy for children. We fulfill our mission by reaching out to caregivers to spread safety awareness and recall information, serving as a watchdog on regulatory agencies and manufacturers, and working with designers and engineers to make safety a top priority.



About the Report

With Halloween just around the corner, parents face new challenges in protecting their children from various safety hazards. This report looks at all the Halloween themed recalls since 2016 and the hazards associated with them.



COSTUMES

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

STRANGULATION

- Capes that tie around the neck, face masks, and accessories that cover the face can make it hard for children to breathe while out trick-or-treating.
- Strings and ropes that come with costumes can lead to strangulation and suffocation.



FIRE

- Costumes that have loose or easily removable parts can easily catch on fire.
- Since costumes are labeled as "toys" rather than "clothing", they are not held to the same fire safety standards with the material used.



SAFETY MEASURES



STRANGULATION

- Avoid buying costumes that come with capes that tie around the neck.
- Avoid purchasing costumes that obstruct the face, including masks and large headpieces.

FIRE

- Avoid costumes with loose pieces, which can catch fire quickly.
- Look for fire resistant labels on costumes.
- Ensure costume accessories are non flammable.

RECALLS

NOTE: If any of these products are found in your home, stop using them and remove them as soon as possible. Visit [CPSC.gov/recalls](https://www.cpsc.gov/recalls) for more information on recall remedies.



Spirit Halloween Nickelodeon
PAW PATROL Marshall Hat with
Flashlight



IKEA Children's Bat
Cape Costumes

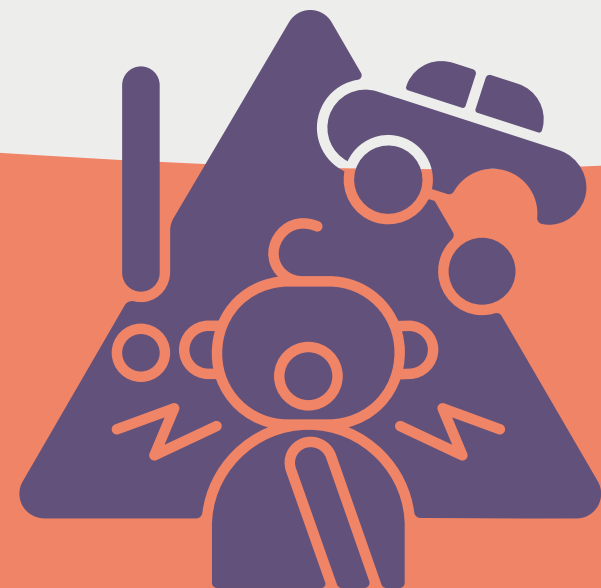


TOYS

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

CHOKING

- Many children receive small toys, like plastic spiders, in their candy bags; mistaking one for a piece of candy is common.
- Hard candy gathered during trick-or-treating accounts for 15% of all choking episodes.



FIRE

- Lithium-ion batteries found in many Halloween toys are sensitive to temperature changes and very flammable.
- Batteries in Halloween toys may overheat if incorrectly inserted.



SAFETY MEASURES

CHOKING

- Inspect Halloween trick-or-treat bags and ensure that small toys are separated from the candy.
- Perform the toilet roll test - If a Halloween toy is small enough to fit through the roll, it is too small for a child under 3 years to be playing with.

FIRE

- Remove batteries from Halloween toys that are not used often and store in a cool, dry place.
- Keep Halloween toys with batteries away from heat sources, like fireplaces.



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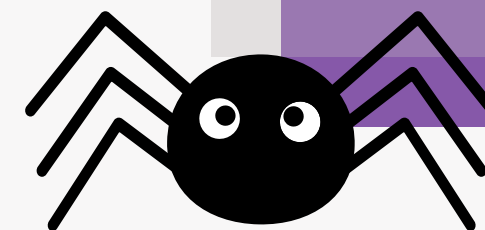
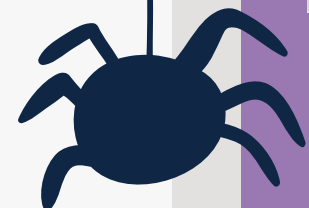
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Spirit Halloween Children's
Flashlights



Target Halloween
LED Gel Clings





HOME DECOR

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

LACERATION

- Glass Halloween decorations are a big risk to have in the reach of children; if pushed over, small glass pieces can puncture the skin and cause lacerations.
- The CPSC stresses that pumpkin carving can result in serious cuts when not careful.

FIRE

- Halloween themed candles and candle holders can easily be knocked over, posing a burning hazard to children.
- Decorations like dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are highly flammable and should not be placed near open flames.



SAFETY MEASURES



LACERATION

- Keep glass decorations out of sight and reach of children. For bigger decorations, use edge guards to protect against injuries.
- Leave the carving to adults and lock any carving kits and knives in a safe space when not in use.

FIRE

- Ensure that candles and candle holders are well out of reach and kept away from any flammable objects.
- Use battery powered candles or lights inside jack-o-lanterns rather than candles.

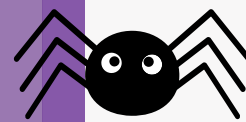


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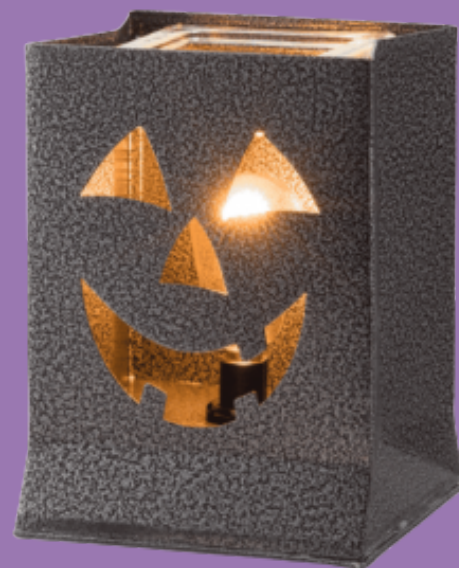
Pier 1 Imports Three-Wick Halloween Candles



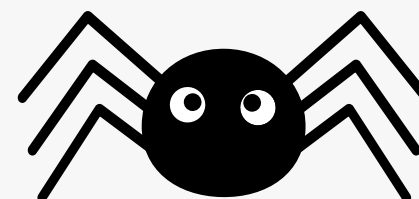
Mark Feldstein & Associates LED Stacked Gourd Jack O Lantern Decorations



Michael's 3-Tier Haunted Townhouse Candle Holder



Scentsy Luminary Jack Electrical Warmer



Pier 1 Imports Glass Pumpkins with Wooden Stems



Halloween should be spooky safe fun, so prevent and protect against injuries by keeping these hazards in mind. Check to make sure that your products haven't been recalled at [CPSC.gov/recalls](https://www.cpsc.gov/recalls). You can also report any unsafe products on [saferproducts.gov](https://www.saferproducts.gov).



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