Weekly Safety Briefings

Week 44 – Oct 29, 2020

Halloween Safety

Introduction

Halloween is an exciting time of the year, full of festivities and fun! In addition to the continuing COVID-19 concerns and precautions, Halloween activities typically bring along the same hazards year after year. This week we will discuss some of those hazards and ways to avoid them so you and your loved ones can have a safety and happy Halloween.

Monday – Halloween & COVID-19

Even as we continue to take additional safety considerations to avoid the spread of COVID-19, most typical Halloween traditions can still be enjoyed by all. Today we will discuss ideas for getting the most out of your Halloween while continuing to keep your loved ones safe.

Halloween Events for the Family:

- Spooky movie night: enjoy your favorite Halloween flicks, even dress up in your favorite character costumes!
- Bring your favorite jack-o-lantern to life! Take care to avoid lacerations while carving those scary faces!
- Create your favorite Halloween treats. This can be a delightful and delicious Halloween activity.
- Enjoy outdoor activities that still allow for proper social distancing when needed. Create a fun Halloween mask that will provide protection and a fright!

Tuesday – Costume Safety

Having a scary or fun costume for Halloween is the highlight for many who enjoy this special holiday. Today's topic will provide some helpful tips for creating a safe costume experience.

- All costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire resistant.
- If trick or treating after dark, apply reflective tape to costumes and bags to increase visibility.
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is non-toxic and apply in a small area first to detect potential irritation.
- Remove all makeup before going to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

Wednesday – Safety Tips for Pedestrians

Halloween night is typically when most celebrations are held, which means low light conditions. Today we will discuss tips for staying safe during the nighttime festivities.

- If trick or treating, plan a safe route ahead of time.
- Put electronic devices down and keep eyes forward, especially when traveling on the road.
- For children, agree on a specific time to return home.

Thursday – Safety Tips for Motorists

Halloween night brings an increase in both pedestrian and vehicle traffic. With all the exciting places to go and people to see, let's discuss tips for getting to your destination in a safe manner.

- Be extra vigilant for pedestrians when driving in a high pedestrian traffic area.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for trick or treaters in dark clothing.
- Discourage new or inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

Friday – Open Discussion

This week we've provided many safety tips for preventing your Halloween activities from becoming truly scary. Now let's take some time to hear from the group.

- What are your favorite Halloween activities?
- What are some ways your and your loved ones stay safe on Halloween?
- Are you taking any extra precautions again this year?