

# Halloween Safety Tips

The City of Richardson has received several inquiries concerning what safety precautions residents should follow this Halloween. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued the following recommendations for trick-or-treating and other Halloween activities.

## *Trick-or-Treating*

If you are going to participate in trick-or-treating, follow these steps to make it safer.

- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats and bring hand sanitizer with you to use after touching objects or other people.
- Make your cloth mask part of your costume. Remember a costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Stay at least six feet away from others who do not live with you.



## *Alternate Halloween Activities*

If COVID-19 has you looking for alternate ways to celebrate halloween, consider the following fun activities.



- Carve pumpkins.
- Walk from house to house, admiring Halloween decorations at a distance.
- Go on an outdoor Halloween-themed scavenger hunt.
- Visit a pumpkin patch. Remember to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, especially after touching frequently touched surfaces or pumpkins.
- Hide Halloween treats in and around your house. Hold a Halloween treat hunt with household members.
- Hold an outdoor costume parade or contest so everyone can show off their costumes.
- Host an outdoor Halloween movie night with friends or neighbors.

**For more information, visit**

**[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/halloween.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/halloween.html)**