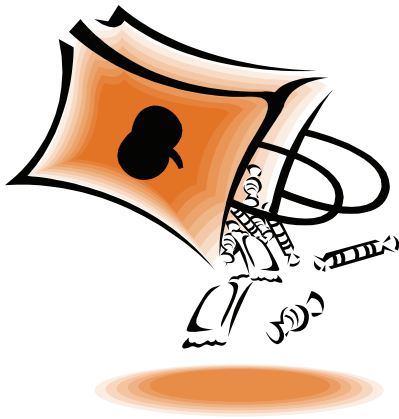




Trick or Treat

Halloween Safety Comes First

Halloween brings on the excitement as trick or treaters anticipate delicious treats and decorative costumes.

However, the Georgia Poison Center urges you to be cautious and exercise safe behavior during this time. Following these simple safety tips can assist your family or loved ones in preventing danger:

Treats:

Parents should inspect all treats before they are eaten.

Eat only those treats in their original, unopened wrappers. Throw away candy if wrappers are faded, have holes or tears, or signs of re-wrapping.

Some treats, especially chocolate, can be poisonous to pets.

Check fruit and homemade treats for punctures or contamination. Allow your child to eat these items only if they are from someone you know and trust.

Makeup:

Look for non-toxic designations when choosing Halloween makeup. If makeup is swallowed, treatment depends on amount ingested, ingredients and symptoms. Contact the Georgia Poison Center for treatment advice.

Trick-or-Treating Tips:

Adults should accompany young children, and Halloween visits should be limited to familiar, local neighborhoods or establishments.

Stay away from barking dogs or other upset animals.

Carry a flashlight and use reflective tape on costumes and trick-or-treat bags.

Glow sticks are a smart and popular idea to help illuminate the night during Halloween.

However, its active ingredient Dibutyl Phthalate can become poisonous in large amounts. Don't allow children to chew on the glow sticks. Oral ingestion of the contents can cause nausea and burning. If the solution comes in contact with the skin it can cause irritation.

If you or someone that you know has a poisonous emergency please, contact the Georgia Poison Center by calling 1.800.222.1222 or 404.616.9000. The Poison Center is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Our friendly staff of physicians, nurses, and pharmacists are standing by to take your call.

For all poison emergencies contact the Georgia Poison Center at **800.222.1222** or **404.616.9000**. For education inquiries please contact the Education Department at 404.616.9235 For all media inquiries please contact Angela Collins at 404.616.9210.

