



SAFETY TALK

Halloween Safety

The history of trick-or-treating traces back to **Scotland and Ireland**, where the tradition of guising, going house to house at Halloween and putting on a small performance to be rewarded with food or treats, goes back at least as far as the 16th century, as does the tradition of people wearing costumes at Halloween.

Safety Tips for Trick or Treating:

- Visit houses of people you're familiar with.
- Travel in pairs/groups.
- Wear reflective clothing/a reflector.
- Follow local curfew times.

Safety Tips for Inspecting Treats/Candy:

- Always check for expiration dates.
- Check packages for tampering.
- Check fruit for holes/wash before consuming.
- Don't accept/consume homemade goods unless they are from a trustworthy source.
- *Throw out anything suspicious*

What Not to Wear to Work:

- A costume with a weapon (pitch fork/axe).
- Full masks, covering the entire face.
- A costume that may offend or scare patients, clients, or coworkers.
- A costume that may cause a hazard (i.e. high heels/platform soles).



Safety is everyone's responsibility!

DATE: _____
FACILITY: _____

SAFETY TALK LEAD BY: _____
DEPARTMENT: _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

WHAT SHOULD WE AVOID IN COSTUME IDEAS FOR OUR WORK PLACE?

HOW CAN WE CHECK CANDY AND TREATS FOR SAFETY?

EMPLOYEE CONCERNS & IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

FOLLOW UP ON CONCERNS:

If you have any feedback on the Safety Talks program or a suggestion for a Safety Talk, please contact a member of the Wellness & Safety Team or email healthpeihr@ihis.org.

Safety Talks can be found on the Staff Resource Centre at: <https://src.healthpei.ca/safety-talks>