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Trick or Treat Safety Tips

Camino - "Whatever time of year it is, safety is our number one concern. Preventing an injury or illness before it happens may be difficult to measure as far as statistics go, but it is everyone's primary mission, especially when it comes to children. Halloween is an enchanting day for little ones but with it comes a challenge in keeping them safe. Here are some tips to prevent a disaster before it happens" shares CAL FIRE Unit Chief Kelly Keenan of the Amador-El Dorado Unit.

- Make sure Halloween costumes allow a child to see clearly and walk without tripping. Make-up is a better choice than a mask, especially for very small children.
- Costumes should be flame resistant. For store bought costumes, check the packaging or labels for specific information. If the costume is homemade, fire resistant sprays are available and can be sprayed on the costume before the child wears the costume.
- If the costume is a dark color add reflective tape to make the costume more visible at night.
- Be sure to have flashlights to light the way for trick or treaters.
- Do not use candles; instead replace them with battery operated candles which you can purchase at dollar stores.
- Make sure your decorations are flame resistant and that they do not block entry/exit routes.
- Review the Stop-Drop and Roll fire safety lesson before going out, not everyone may be as fire safe as you and someone may have a candle that can catch a child's costume on fire. Better to be safe than sorry.
- If you attend a party away from home, make sure you know where your exits in the event of fire.
- Check the candy, make sure all are properly wrapped, *if in doubt, throw it out!*

Halloween (October 31, 2013) local events include the following:

Trick or Treat on Main Street in Jackson after school

Costume Parade on Main Street in Jackson at 5 pm

Trick or Treat, Carnival and Costume Contest on Main Street in Placerville from 4-6 pm.

Halloween Spooktacular at Towne Center in El Dorado Hills from 3:30 to 6 pm.

4th Annual Haunted House at Towne Center in El Dorado Hills from 5:30-7:30 pm

Treat Street at Pine Cone Acre Motel 735 Emerald Bay Road, South Lake Tahoe from 5-8 pm

Downtown Trick or Treat at Tahoe City from 4 PM - 6 PM

"Halloween Cove" at The Timber Cove Lodge 3411 Lake Tahoe Blvd. from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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