



Halloween safety advice

Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service offers the following advice on fire safety at Halloween:

Lanterns

- Think carefully about the fire risks, particularly the possibility of the candle falling over. If making homemade lanterns, never use plastic bottles or containers.
- Never allow small children to carry lanterns lit by naked flames.

Costumes

- Make sure that Halloween costumes and masks are labelled as flame resistant.
- Don't use flammable materials to make home-made costumes.
- Keep children away from naked flames at all times.

Candles

- Make sure that candles are securely placed in a correct holder away from drafts, and placed where they are not likely to be knocked over.
- Never let children play near candles.
- Ensure that the candles are extinguished completely at night.

Lighting

- If you are using decorative lights in your home, ensure that the electricity sockets are not overloaded.
- Decorative lights should be switched off at the mains last thing at night, or if the bulbs need changing.



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