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GLENDALE OFFERS RESOURCES, TIPS FOR SAFE HALLOWEEN NIGHT *Be Safe, Be Seen with Free Reflective Bags at Glendale Libraries*

Glendale, Ariz. — Did you know that children are four times more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than any other night of the year? In addition, seasonal decorations and costumes can be highly flammable and pose risks to your family or your home. Halloween is a popular holiday, with costumes, trick-or-treating and parties, but it can also be a time to be mindful of safety precautions to make sure everyone has a fun time and stays safe.

The city of Glendale is offering ‘Be Safe, Be Seen’ reflective Halloween bags and glow-in-the-dark bracelets at any of the three Glendale libraries, which are free while supplies last.

The Glendale Police, Fire and Transportation Services departments have created a video to remind residents about important safety information for Halloween night. The video is on the city’s [YouTube channel](#).

- If trick-or-treating, remember to wear something reflective.
- Drivers should stay on alert, especially in residential neighborhoods.
- Make sure costumes fit to increase the mobility and visibility of children wearing them.
- *USA Safe Kids* suggests children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult.
- Check all treats before they are eaten and report anything suspicious.
- Be sure to show your children know how to cross a street properly. They should always look both ways before crossing the street and should only cross at corners or crosswalks. Make sure that if you have more than one child, they know to take the hand of the younger child when they cross a street.
- For the purpose of lighting jack-o-lanterns, use a flashlight or a liquid light that glows after it bends, **not candles.**

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- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. Avoid billowing or long trailing features.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torchlights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.
- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to **stop, drop and roll** in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)
- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume so they can be seen while walking in neighborhoods.
- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home. Make sure that they know not to deviate from the planned route so that you always know where they will be.

Make the most of your Halloween festivities by following these safety tips from the city of Glendale.

For additional information, visit www.glendaleaz.com or call the Transportation Services Department at 623-930-2940.

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