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Halloween Fire Safety

Olympia – Halloween is coming up quickly, and a lot of kids will be dressed up in costumes and participating in trick-or-treating. The State Fire Marshals' Office offers the following safety tips to help keep everyone safe:

- If your children are going to a Halloween party at a friend's home, have them look for two escape routes.
- Avoid long, trailing fabric costumes.
- Use battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in jack-o-lanterns.
- Keep dried flowers, cornstalks, crepe paper, and other decorations away from any open flames and other heat sources.
- Keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- If using real candles to light jack-o-lanterns, light them with long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Only adults should use matches or lighters.
- Place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3929.

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