

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is almost upon us, and **Bohm, Boyle & Jones, P.C.** wants to help ensure that you and your family have a safe and happy holiday! What fun to see little ones dress up and knock hopefully on doors ready for candy! But hidden Halloween hazards may lurk in the dark. Here are some safety tips to help you enjoy the holiday without added worries.

🕯️ Do not allow children to walk the streets alone. Make sure you or a responsible adult or trusted teenager accompany them.

🕯️ Make sure your child's costume is safe. A good costume is fireproof, has large eye holes to allow vision to both sides, and holes in the nose and mouth to comfortably breathe through. If the costume includes a prop, like a sword or a pitchfork, make sure the tips are smooth and flexible to avoid injuries should your child fall on them.

🕯️ Remind your children about basic safety issues such as:

- Not getting into cars with strangers,
- Looking both ways when crossing the street, and
- Throwing away candy treats that are not individually wrapped. Even with this warning, examine your children's candy.



🕯️ If you are a home owner, make your own property safe. Eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway, such as flower pots, low tree limbs, wires, ladders, dog leashes or hoses that might be hazardous to children running from house to house.

🕯️ If you have a swimming pool, lock gates leading to your backyard and to the pool to prevent older children from reaching your pool.

🕯️ Lock up your pets! Pets can become frightened or over-excited on Halloween, and keeping them in a safe, enclosed area prevents them from running into the street or accidentally biting a trick-or-treater.

🕯️ If you use candles in your jack-o-lanterns, make sure that the pumpkin is not a fire hazard and is kept out of the way of children. Consider using battery-powered lights instead of candles.

If you would like to learn more about Halloween safety, visit the following web sites advice and helpful hints:



- www.halloween-safety.com
- www.halloweenmagazine.com
- www.lafd.org/hween.htm

You can reach any of our attorneys directly by calling 602 - 635 -1384. Have a safe and happy Halloween.