Stay safe, stay spooky

If you're going out to scare, know what to wear.

Keep yourself and your children safe this Halloween by following our top tips. This advice will help you and your children to buy safe costumes, trick or treat safely and enjoy Halloween.

How to shop safely

Look for the CE mark on the label

Fancy dress costumes should be tested for flammability. The CE mark certifies it's been tested, but it can be faked by rogue or unscrupulous sellers. Compare the label to this mark to be sure.

Buy from a trusted store or website

If you're shopping online, check whether you're buying from a third-party seller and find out as much about them as you can.

Read all the safety information

This includes on the label and online. Remember that costumes might have laces, drawstrings, and small, trailing or floaty parts.

Look for ratings and reviews from other customers

Other customers may have given feedback. Be wary of reviews that look fake.

Is it safe – check it hasn't been recalled

Visit **productrecall.campaign.gov.uk** and check the costume hasn't been recalled. It's quick to do and could make a big difference.

Speak up if you find an issue

If you find a problem, tell. You can report safety issues to the retailer, website, seller and your local Citizens Advice team.

Trick or treating tips

When you have the right costumes, you can start scaring. Wrap up warm and stay away from candles, lanterns and bonfires.

If you're trick or treating, always:

- ✓ keep your child away from candles and open flames
- ✓ look out for trailing or loose parts of costumes
- ✓ avoid decorating your home with candles for visiting trick or treaters
- ✓ be considerate of people who may not be celebrating Halloween

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