



# Happy Halloween KADENA



## Halloween Safety 101

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10/26/2017 - KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — Halloween is a highly anticipated holiday for adults and children alike. For many people, Halloween marks the beginning of the autumn and winter holidays.

Whether going to a party or trick-or-treating with the kids, do not forget to think about safety. Parents should review the following Halloween safety tips with their children to ensure a fun and safe Halloween for the entire family.

### Children Should

- Cross streets only at corners, cross walks, and look left/right/left.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- Always remove masks before crossing streets.
- Be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.
- Never go into a stranger's house.
- Walk. Do not run from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.

### Parents Should

- Know the route their children will be taking.
- Accompany small children at all times.
- Set time limits on when children should return home or meet parents at an established meeting point.

- Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- Instruct children NOT to eat treats until they return home and parents have had a chance to inspect those treats.
- Supervise the outing for children under age 12.
- Know the names of older children's companions.
- Give children an early meal before going out.
- When in doubt, throw suspicious candy and treats out.

### Costumes Should

- Be made of flame-retardant material.
- Be made of bright material.
- Include a flashlight or reflector strips on the costume, so that children can be seen.
- NOT include high-heeled shoes or long dangling pieces that a child may trip over.
- Be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.
- Be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath and have raingear handy.
- Not be worn with a mask since it can obstruct a child's vision. If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.
- Use facial make-up instead of masks. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends to only use products intended for skin and test products in a small area in case of allergic reactions. Avoid putting facial paint near the eyes and throw away paint if it smells foul. Thoroughly wash off paint before going to bed.

- Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.

### Motorists Should

- Drive cautiously. Excited youngsters may forget some of these safety rules and dart out in front of a car.
- Refrain from driving in areas where no walking escorts are present and only drive for emergency reasons during the Halloween events.

### Residents Should

- Remove all obstacles from their lawn and steps to prevent children from being injured. If you have Halloween inflatables in your yard, ensure a safe walkway is maintained and anchor lines are easily identified.
- Have a well-lit home, both inside and out, to prevent injuries.
- Keep dogs and other pets away from doors so children will not become frightened.
- Keep candlelit jack-o-lanterns away from doorsteps and landings.

### Free x-ray service for Halloween candy

X-ray screenings of candy bags will be conducted at the AMC Passenger Terminal October 31, from 5 – 10 p.m. to help determine if the products are free from sharp metal objects or unsafe items. Parents can bring their costumed kids or they can come by themselves. Free candy will be distributed at the terminal while supplies last.