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### **Make Halloween Fun, Not Horrifying with these Fire Safety Tips**

**Farmington, Minn., Oct. 22, 2018** – Here’s a spooky thought: Halloween is just around the corner. The Farmington Fire Department reminds parents to talk to their trick-or-treaters about fire safety, and also practice a few tricks in and around their homes to keep everyone safe.

Halloween is supposed to be fun. Keep it that way by following some simple guidelines:

- Use flameless candles or glow sticks in pumpkins.
- Remind trick-or-treaters to be careful around pumpkins and porch decorations that may have candles inside. Costumes could catch fire.
- Avoid loose and flowing costumes to avoid trips, falls and catching on fire.
- Look for flame-resistant costumes.
- Teach kids to “stop, drop and roll” if a costume catches fire.
- Keep decorations that include hay, straw, corn stalks and other combustible material away from ignition sources like lights.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.
- Provide children with flashlights or glow sticks as part of their costume so they can see and be seen.

“Following these few simple tricks can help ensure that everyone has a safe evening,” said Fire Chief Justin Elvestad. “A fun night of trick-or-treating can turn tragic in an instant.”

For additional fire safety information, visit [FarmingtonMN.gov/Fire](http://FarmingtonMN.gov/Fire).

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