Halloween

Ground Rules for “Trick or Treating”

Halloween is right around the corner and CANDY is on the minds of every trick or treater. Parents/caregivers should pay attention to the following Halloween safety tips to reduce the risk for unintentional poisoning injuries.

- Children should be accompanied by an adult when “trick or treating”.
- Go only to homes of people known to you.
- Homemade treats are nice, but unless the maker is well known, should never be eaten.
- Use non-toxic makeup to paint faces and body parts.
- Teach children not to consume food items, drinks or treats that may be offered, until an adult has thoroughly checked them.
- Throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious treats.
- Make sure any items that can cause choking, such as hard candy, are given to children of an appropriate age to avoid choking.
- Keep all candy away from pets. Do not let children give treats to pets; chocolates and raisins may be poisonous to animals.
- Dispose of tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers properly to avoid children and pets choking on them if swallowed.
- Keep all medicines out of children’s reach.
- Teach you child that medicine is not candy.

The New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) reminds parents, grandparents and other child care providers that poisonings often occur when children mistake pills for candy. Post the Poison Control Center Help Hotline number 1-800-222-1222 by your telephone. Call the Poison Help Hotline to speak with a poison information specialist 24 hours a day/7 days a week. It’s Not Just Poisons! The Poison Control Center is here for Information and Questions Too!

Remember Help Is Just A Phone Call Away! 1-800-222-1222

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