

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Halloween Safety Tips & Activity Book



CITY OF
PITTSBURGH

"AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE CITY"

LUKE RAVENSTAHL, MAYOR

MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR



Dear Neighbors,

For many, Halloween is a festive night celebrated by both children and adults. To ensure the safety of our residents in the community, I ask that you please take time to review the trick-or-treating safety tips included in this activity book. With your help, we can make Halloween in Pittsburgh a treat for all.

Have a safe and spooky Halloween,

A blue ink signature of Luke Ravenstahl.

Luke Ravenstahl

MESSAGE FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF

Dear Neighbors,

Halloween is a festive and fun time for all. Trick or Treating and Ghouls and Goblins are seen in all the City neighborhoods. With this fun time of year comes a message of safety. Please read the safety tips in the activity book and remember to always go Trick or Treating with an adult and all candy should be checked before eating.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police wishes everyone a safe and fun-filled Halloween.

A blue ink signature of Chief Nathan Harper.

Chief Nathan Harper



COSTUME IDEAS:

- To prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night, keep costumes short. They should not interfere with a child's ability to walk safely.
- Apply make-up instead of having your child wear a mask. Masks can obstruct a child's vision—a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- Make sure costumes are visible at night. If a costume is not light-colored, put reflective tape on the back and front of it.
- Only purchase costumes that are flame retardant, so children are not in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.

CONSIDER . . .

- Attending Halloween festivities organized by community groups and churches.
- Having a Halloween party in your home for your children's friends and other neighborhood children.

Make your Halloween party the place to be!

Register your group's Halloween event at

<http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/publicsafety/halloween/>





SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

- Plan your trick-or-treating route ahead of time.
- An adult should always accompany children while trick-or-treating.
- Use a flash light or glow stick to increase visibility.
- Only permit children to visit homes with clear and visible lighting.
- Never allow a child to enter a strange house to receive treats.
- Stay on sidewalks and only cross the street at intersections. If a sidewalk isn't available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Carry a phone for quick communication.
- Put a slip of paper in your child's pocket with their address and phone number in the event you are separated.
- Instruct trick or treaters not to sample treats until they are home and the treats have been examined by an adult.



SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

OLDER CHILDREN SHOULD:

- Trick-or-treat in a predetermined area. (Parents/Guardians and their children should map out a safe route together. This way the parents will know which route their children are taking.)
- Trick-or-treat with friends. (Parents/Guardians should know which friends their children will be with.)
- Only visit the houses of neighbors they know.
- Never approach any unlit house or enter a house of people they don't know very well.
- Try to walk on well lit streets and carry a flashlight.
- Be aware of traffic. Use sidewalks when they can, and if there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing oncoming traffic.
- Not accept rides from anyone but family members.
- Avoid animals and pets which may become upset by Halloween costumes.

YOUNGER CHILDREN SHOULD:

- Trick-or-treat while it is still light out.
- Be accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager. (Parents/Guardians are encouraged to accompany their children.)

DO NOT
EAT CANDY, GUM,
COOKIES, FRUIT OR
ANY OTHER SNACKS
BEFORE YOUR
PARENTS LOOK AT IT!



HALLOWEEN SAFETY QUIZ

Play it safe this Halloween and follow the advice in the quiz below. Put a circle around the answer you feel is best.

1. Someone gives you candy that is not wrapped and sealed by the candy company. You should:

- A. Eat it anyway.
- B. Save it for a rainy day.
- C. Throw it away.
- D. Give it to your dog.

2. One of the treats you were given has something “suspicious” sticking out of it. Your mom should:

- A. Bite into it to see what it is.
- B. Call the police.
- C. Put it in the refrigerator.
- D. Scream.

3. The safest way to go trick-or-treating is:

- A. Alone.
- B. Late at night.
- C. On roller skates.
- D. With a parent or guardian.

4. The best place to go trick-or-treating is:

- A. Across town.
- B. In your own neighborhood.
- C. Where the most houses are.
- D. Where there’s a pumpkin in the window.

**To find out how you did check your answers in the answer key on the next page*

HALLOWEEN RULES

When holding out your bag
“Trick or Treat” is what you say,
And don’t forget your “thank you”
As you turn to walk away.

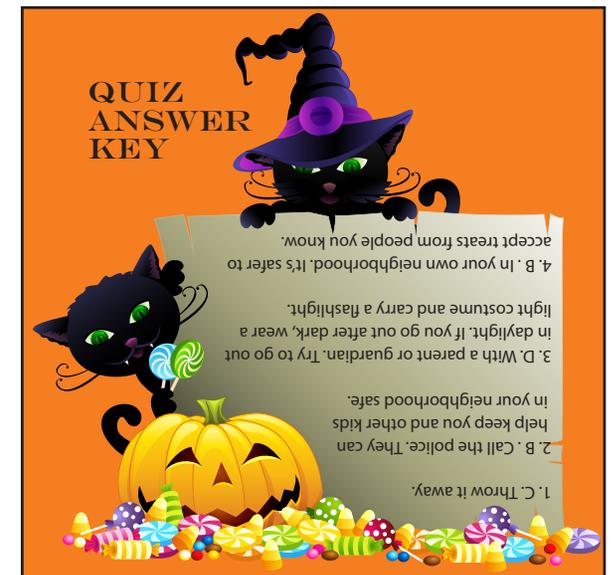
Stay within your neighborhood
Don’t go too far from home,
And paint your face, don’t wear a mask
So you can see where you roam.

Don’t walk where they’re no street lights
Or talk to people you don’t know,
Don’t wander off all by yourself
Or go where you shouldn’t go.

If you’re dressed in a black costume
Carry a glow stick or a light,
So that cars and bikes out on the street
Can spot you in the night.

But the very most important thing
About the candy you’ve collected,
Don’t put one piece into your mouth
’Til Mom or Dad inspect it.

- Luci Kennedy, 2011



STAY WITH
A FRIEND
OR WALK
IN GROUPS





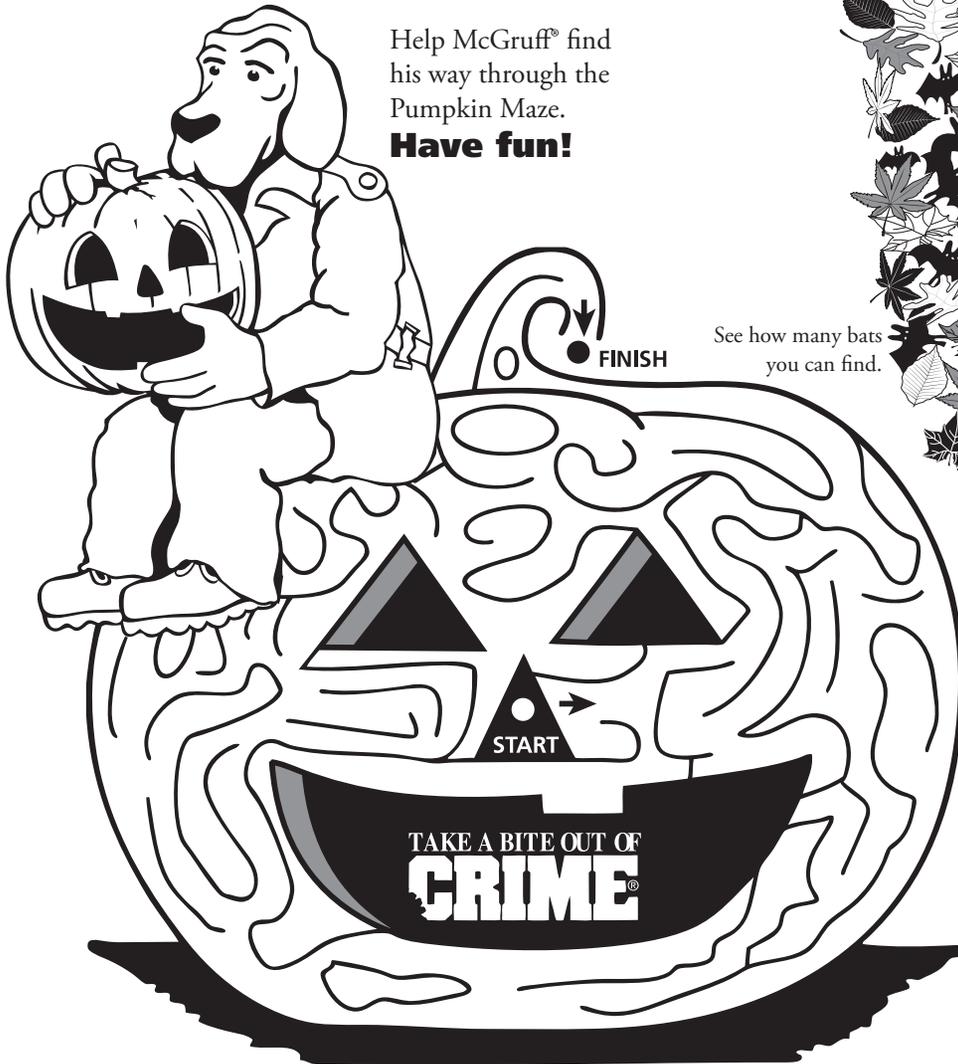
REMEMBER:
IF YOU GET LOST,
LOOK FOR A
POLICE OFFICER



**HAVE A SAFE &
HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!!!**

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS & MAZES

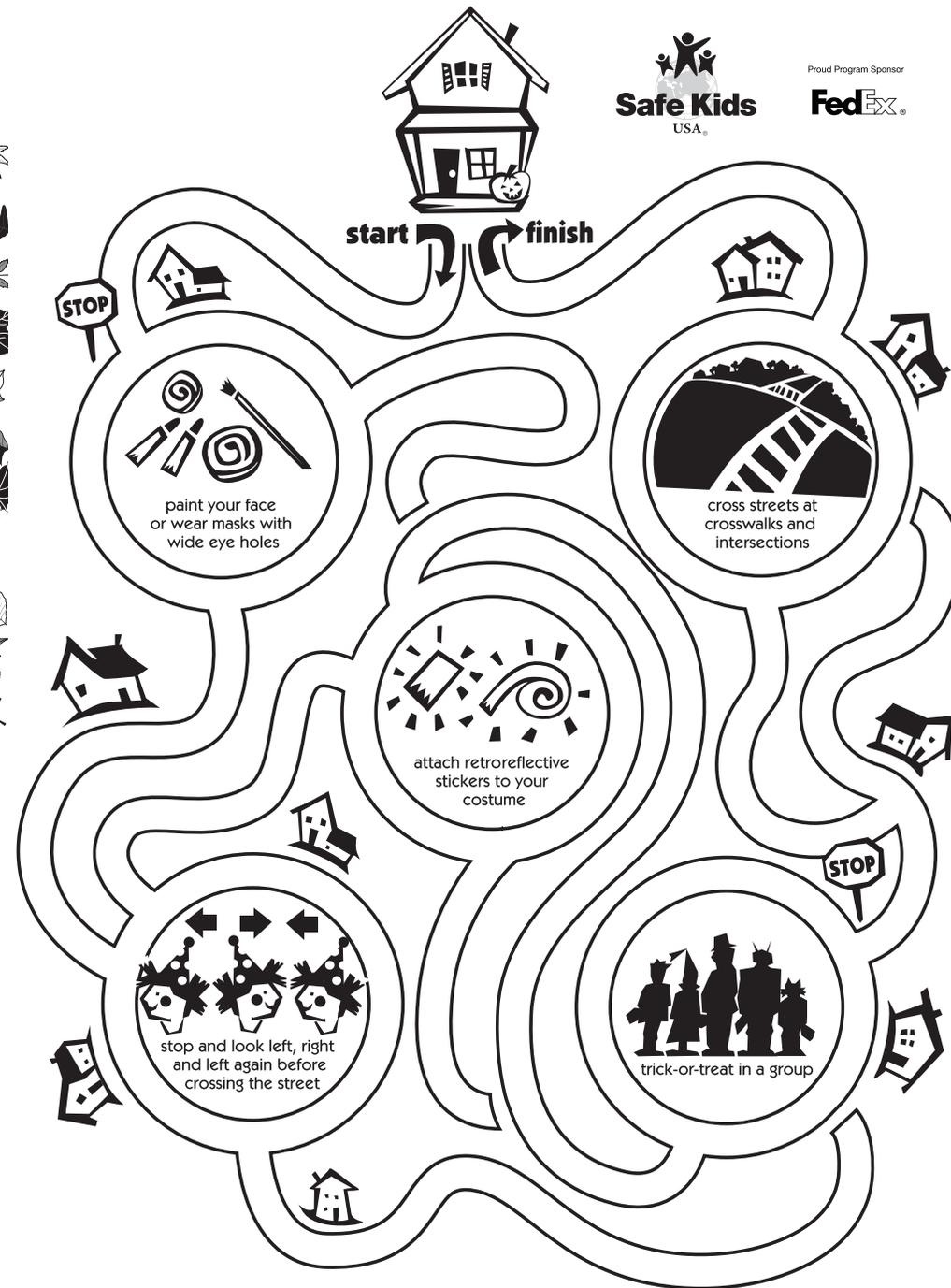
- ▲ Trick-or-treat at your local mall or in your neighborhood.
- ▲ Go with friends. Ask your parents, older sister or brother, or a neighbor to go along.
- ▲ Carry a flashlight, glowstick, or reflective bag.
- ▲ Have parents check all treats before you eat them.
- ▲ Visit McGruff.org for more tips.



Help McGruff® find his way through the Pumpkin Maze.

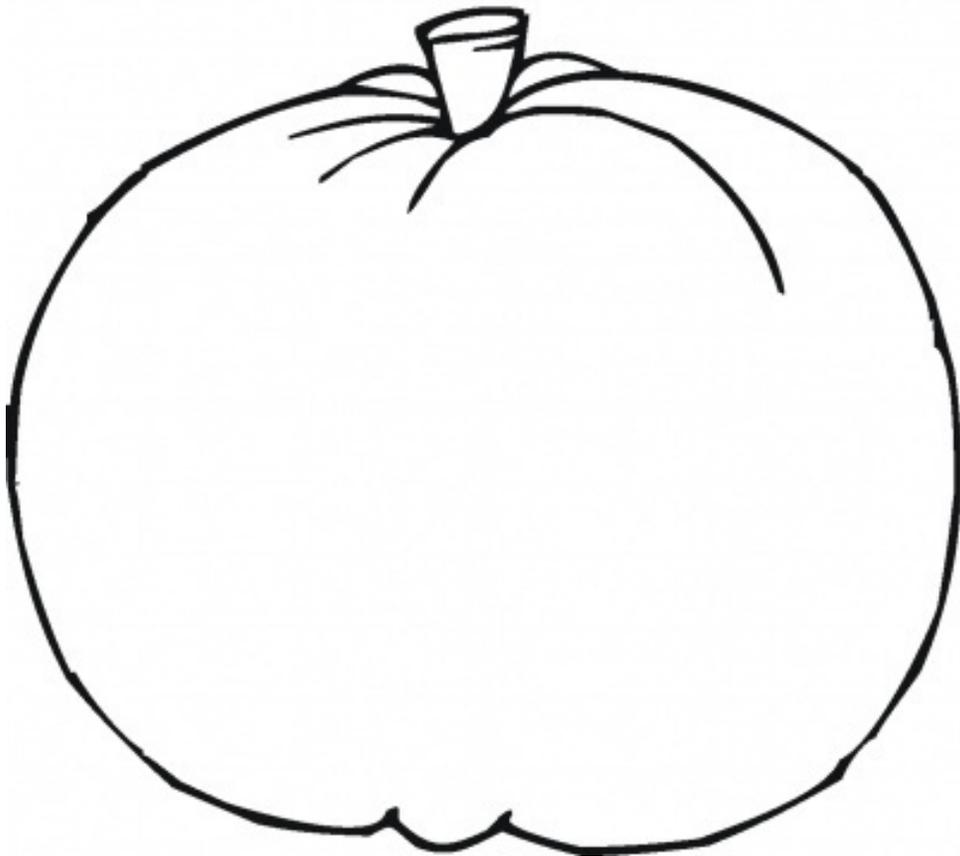
Have fun!

See how many bats you can find.



JACK O' LANTERN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Draw a face on him. It can be happy or scary...



A TRICK-OR-TREAT FILL-THEM-IN TALE

One friend reads the words needed (noun, adjective, etc.) and the other one gives an answer. After the tale is completed, read it aloud!

It's Halloween night! I'm dressed as a _____
(vegetable) and my friends are going trick-or-treating as a
_____ (boy costume) wearing tights and a one-eyed
_____ (girl costume). As we head out to trick-or-
treat, a black _____ (animal) crosses our path. We
fear it's bad luck, but then we find a _____ (number)
dollar bill on the ground and start _____-ing (verb).
_____ -ing (verb) up to the first house, a big hairy
_____ (noun) lands on my friend's _____
(body part). He screams _____ (silly word) and then we
all start _____-ing (verb). We continue to the door
where we get _____ (cereal) and _____ (two
vegetables) in our treat bags. As we turn around, a
_____ (scary character) jumps out from behind a
_____ (noun)! We scream and our _____ (body
part) starts trembling. We realize it's our friend
_____ (dog's name) and _____ (verb), then all of
us continue trick-or-treating. Happy Halloween!

Once you have read & completed all the activities in this book, write your name on the certificate as a promise to....

**HAVE A SAFE
& HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!**

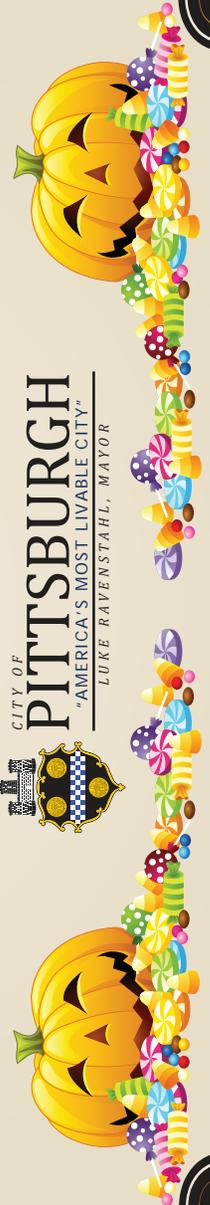


*Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's
Halloween Safety Certificate*
is awarded to:

*I promise to have fun and be safe this halloween by listening to and following
all the safety tips I learned in this book*



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

If someone is bothering you or you are scared or
lost or for any emergency:

Call **9-1-1** anytime of the day or night.

If you see graffiti, high weeds, pot holes or other
non-emergencies:

Call **3-1-1** between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you are worried about something you've eaten:

Call Poison Control **1-800-222-1222** anytime of
the day or night.



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