



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

(Ideas for high school clubs to use in elementary schools)

- Dress up in a Halloween costume and visit classes individually to talk about Halloween traffic safety. Have the children identify what is safe and unsafe about your costume. You could also use the Halloween PowerPoint and Halloween Activity Book during your visit.
- Get some fake pumpkins for the kids to decorate with Halloween safety messages and then place the pumpkins around the school!
- Create your own Halloween safety word search or word scramble to complete with the students.
- Have the students decorate trick-or-treating bags with reflective tape or stickers.
- Have students sign a Halloween safety pledge banner or poster pledging to be safe during Halloween that can be placed in the school cafeteria, gym or auditorium.
- Ask students simple questions about Halloween safety and give a small token to those who answer the questions correctly.
 - Is it better to wear dark clothes or light clothes?
 - If you get a piece of candy that is open, should you eat it?
 - Is it safer to go trick-or-treating alone or with a parent and/or friends?
 - What should you do before crossing the street?
 - Come up with your own questions and be creative!
- Play Red Rover, but have participants practice looking both ways before running over!
- Children sit in a circle. Place various objects (or illustrations) that are either safe or unsafe for Halloween in the center of the circle. To the sound of music, children pass a small object like a miniature pumpkin around the circle. When the music stops, the child holding the pumpkin must select an item that is safe from the center of the circle.
- Read a Halloween safety book [in the dark] to the class and have flashlights on hand for students to use while following along.
- Pre-cut various traffic sign shapes out of orange and black construction paper. Invite children to create their own signs representing a Halloween safety rule.
- Place a red and green piece of construction paper on a table. Print and cut out Halloween safety rules. Children must place the rules on the green paper if they represent correct behavior and on the red paper if they represent incorrect behavior.
- Prepare and act out skits of what to do and what not to do on Halloween. Use topics from the tip cards: reflective clothing, traffic safety, and/or stranger danger. Come up with your own topics, too!
- Tell the students that they can be safe on Halloween, but still have fun!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!