Did you know?

When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If you wear a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so you can see out and avoid hazards.

Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.

Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

If you are going to Halloween parties at others’ homes, look for ways out of the home and plan how you would get out in an emergency.

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly 800 reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.