



Contextual Safeguarding- October Edition



Halloween is an exciting time for children filled with costumes, sweets and fun. However, it also presents unique safety challenges, especially as children venture out to trick-or-treat or attend Halloween events. This guide provides some top tips on having a safe and enjoyable Halloween experience.

HALLOWEEN Safety Tips



PEER PRESSURE & RISKY BEHAVIOUR

If you have an older child, talk to your child about the potential dangerous behaviours (vandalism and pranks). Make it clear that it's okay to say no and that they should call you if they feel uncomfortable. Consider setting a clear curfew and encourage them to stay with friends.



COSTUME PRECAUTIONS

Ensure costumes fit well and do not obstruct vision or impede movement to prevent trips and falls.



TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY

Always accompany young children during trick-or-treating and plan a safe route in well-lit areas.



SWEET SAFETY

Check treats! Remind children not to eat any sweets until you've had a chance to check it. Discard any unwrapped or suspicious-looking treats.



PET SAFETY ON HALLOWEEN

Keep pets indoors during Halloween festivities to prevent them from getting scared or agitated.



ONLINE SAFETY

Some children may encounter Halloween-themed online challenges that encourage risky behaviour. Talk to your child about the dangers of participating in these challenges and remind them to report anything inappropriate.