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Treat Yourself to a Fire-Safe Halloween

The Peterborough Fire Service is encouraging everyone to take a few moments to focus on safety when considering costumes, decorating and trick-or-treating this year.

"People often use lots of candles when decorating their home for Halloween. Whenever real candles are used, there is an increased risk of fire," said Fire Chief Trent Gervais. "Battery operated candles and flashing lights are the safest. If you must use candles, keep them safely out of reach of children and pets and away from anything that can burn. Candles should never be left unattended."

Keep family and friends safe by accompanying children when they go trick-or-treating and ensuring that costumes are bright and reflective. Make sure everyone knows the emergency number. "It is also a great time to check your smoke alarms to make sure they work. Only working smoke alarms can detect fire in its early stages," explained Chief Gervais. "Talk to everyone in your home about what to do when the smoke alarm sounds."

There are many safety risks associated with Halloween. A Halloween Safety Tips sheet that provides important safety information for the entire family can be downloaded from the Office of the Fire Marshal's website at www.ofm.gov.on.ca.

This information is also available on the City of Peterborough's website at www.peterborough.ca.

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