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Treat Yourself to a Fire-Safe Halloween

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

"People often use candles when decorating their home for Halloween. Whenever real candles are used, there is an increased risk of fire," said Chief Trent Gervais, "Battery operated candles and flashlights 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 ensuring that costumes are bright and reflective and by accompanying children when they go trick-or-treating. Make sure everyone knows the emergency phone 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 Trent Gervais, "Talk to everyone in your home about what to do when the smoke alarms sounds."

There are many safety risks associated with Halloween. To ensure that everyone has a fire-safe Halloween, the Fire Service has developed a Halloween Safety Tips sheet that provides important safety information for children, adults and the entire family. The safety tips sheet 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 website at www.peterborough.ca.

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