



Pumpkin Carving Safety Guide

Halloween can be a fun and spooky time for kids and families alike. Children love dressing up as their favorite characters, carving creative pumpkins, and going trick-or-treating for tasty treats. It is important to remember that there are some dangers associated with carving pumpkins. Here are some tips for keeping your Halloween season fun and injury-free.

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Pumpkin Carving Safety Tips:

- Make sure you do your carving in a tidy and well-lit area.
- Keep your hands, area, and tools clean and dry. Any moisture on your tools, hands, or table can cause slipping that can lead to injuries.
- Encourage younger children to do activities other than carving. They can decorate their pumpkins with paint and stickers.
- Never let a child carve a pumpkin. Allow the child to draw their design on the pumpkin, and they can help clean out the pulp and seeds. Leave the carving to an adult.
- If older children are carving pumpkins, make sure they use tools designed specifically for carving. This will make things easier and safer. As always, supervise any child using tools that could cause injury.
- Use non-flammable light sources in your jack-o-lanterns. Glow sticks or pumpkin lights are much safer than candles.
- In the event of a cut, use a clean cloth to apply pressure and elevate the cut area above the level of the heart. Deeper cuts and cuts that do not stop bleeding after 15 minutes may require professional medical attention.
- In the event of burns, apply cool wet compresses or immerse in cool clean water until pain subsides. Over the counter pain medication and burn ointment may help.



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