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### HALLOWEEN FOOD SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is a fun time for children of all ages as they can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, and eat yummy treats. The Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Public Health and Social Services recommends the following simple steps for an enjoyable and safe Halloween:

- Children should not snack while they are out trick-or-treating. Encourage children to wait until they get home so parents can inspect the contents of the “goody bags.”
- Advise children to not accept and eat anything that is not commercially wrapped. Inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.
- Remove choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, and small toys received by very young children.
- When preparing freshly squeezed juice or cider at home to serve to children at parties, clean everything, including all fruits, cutting boards, knives, blender or juicing machine, and glass or cup. Even if not using produce peels, clean them anyway, since bacteria on the outside can contaminate the inside of the fruit during cutting and juicing. Freshly squeezed juice can pose a risk for foodborne illness in susceptible individuals. It is best to serve only those juices that have been commercially pasteurized or otherwise treated to kill harmful bacteria.
- No matter how tempting, do not taste raw cookie dough or cake batter.
- Do not leave perishable foods out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. Keep all perishable foods chilled until serving time.

For more information on Halloween food safety please call the Division of Environmental Health at 735-7221.

  
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