



## Graham Fire & Rescue

### Halloween Fire Safety

#### **COSTUMES:**

- When purchasing costumes, masks, beards, and wigs look for flame resistant fabrics, and a label that reads “flame resistant”. Avoid costumes with long trailing pieces, big sleeves, and billowy skirt that may easily ignite. When constructing a costume for children, always keep fire safety in mind.
- Children should never carry candles as a light source or as part of a costume. Rather, provide your child with a flashlight that can safely light the way.
- Educate children to stay clear of open flames and other heat sources. Ensure that children know how to perform STOP, DROP, and ROLL, should their clothes catch on fire. (If your clothes catch on fire: STOP immediately, DROP to the ground, and ROLL over and over to extinguish the flames.)
- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Oversized high heels are not a good idea.
- Costumes should have a reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car’s headlights. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle and fabric stores.
- Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be made of soft, flexible material.

#### **DECORATIONS:**

- Avoid decorating with candles or torchlight’s.
- Ensure that combustible Halloween decorations such as crepe paper, cornstalks, and dried flowers are kept well away from sources of heat. Keep all exits clear of decoration materials.
- Remove obstacles from lawn, steps and porches when expecting trick – or – treaters.
- Indoors keep candles and jack-o’-lanterns away from curtains, decorations and other combustibles that could be ignited.

\* Celebrate wisely this Halloween. Some people use fireworks to celebrate Halloween. Teach children that fireworks are not toys and that if they find fireworks, they should TELL an adult. Remember that 911 is the telephone number for help, when you need it.