

Halloween Safety Tips for Cats

No candy.

All forms of chocolate pose a danger. So does the sweetener xylitol. If your cat ingests either, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Cover electrical cords and hang decorations high.

Decorative lights and other festive pieces that require cords mean more temptation for playful cats to pounce on and chew, leading to cuts, burns or lethal electrical shock. Put cords under rugs or in cord-protectors.



Candles.

Carved pumpkins are a holiday staple, but lit candles inside Jack-o-Lanterns could prove harmful for pets. Cats and kittens looking to bat a moving flame risk burns.

Costumes

Avoid dressing up a cat who clearly hates clothes, to prevent stressing your pet. For those cats who like (or tolerate) costumes, keep these outfits unrestrictive, free of loose chewable accessories or objects and able to let your cat hear, see and breathe easily.

Keep them inside and in a safe place.

Trick or Treaters mean open doors all evening. Keep cats in a safe room away from the front door to prevent them from slipping outside.

Proper ID.

Keep ID tags on your cat in case of escape, or microchip your cat to improve the odds of getting your cat back if anything should happen.

