Accompany your little monster (or child). Children may feel big enough to trick or treat without an adult but if you have any concerns, you should definitely tag along.

Make sure your little monster (or child) is visible to drivers on the road. Reflective tape, glow bracelets, light-up sneakers or costumes all help drivers notice your child.

Make sure your little monster (or child) can see and breathe. Masks should be roomy and not block vision. Non-allergenic face paint is another alternative.

Costumes should be bathroom-friendly, easy to sit in, and should not drag on the ground.

Shoes should be comfortable, and props should not be heavy, dangerous or sharp.

Trick or treat bags should be easy to carry and light-weight. Backpacks work well as they keep hands free for flashlights.

Explain to your little monster (or child) that no treats may be eaten until they’ve been examined by you at home. Check all treats for intact factory wrappers.

Try feeding your little monsters (and children) dinner before they head out. Then they’ll be less likely to eat the treats before you check them.

Review and practice street safety: Take your little monster (or child) on well-lit streets in neighborhoods you trust. Walk on sidewalks, cross at crosswalks. If they are particularly small, hold your little monster’s (or child’s) hand while crossing.

Review and practice stranger safety: Make sure your little monsters (or children) know not to go into the house or car of any adult they don’t know and trust.