

## Laois County Council Fire Authority





## Happy Halloween Be Safe, Be Seen

- Make sure your costume has a genuine CE safety mark on its label and comes from a reputable dealer.
- Keep costumes away from naked flames, including open fires, bonfires, candles and even sparklers.
- Hairspray is extremely flammable, so take this into consideration when dressing up.
- Avoid wearing dark costumes as this makes it more difficult for drivers to see you or your children.
  Incorporate reflective material or a torch or light into your costume for greater visibility.
- Bonfires and unauthorised fireworks displays are illegal in Ireland.
- Fireworks and bonfires have the potential to go horribly wrong and cause serious injuries.
- Bonfires and unauthorised fireworks display should be avoided where possible.
- If you encounter a bonfire, you should keep well back to minimise the chances of injury in the event of the bonfire collapsing or should hazardous materials explode.
- Always ensure that children are accompanied by a guardian.

Further information on Fire Safety in the Home is available in a number of languages by visiting www.laois.ie - Services - Fire & Rescue