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# THE POISON PREVENTION SCRIPT

## Stay Safe This Halloween: Poison Prevention Tips for a Fun and Hazard-Free Night

As Halloween approaches, the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center encourages families to be aware of potential poisoning hazards. Whether you're preparing for a night of trick-or-treating or heading to a Halloween event, it's important to be cautious and prepared.



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## Halloween Poison Prevention: Safety Tips

**Safety Tip:** Avoid using old or expired makeup, especially products from last year. If your makeup has a strange odor, it's better to throw it away.

**Risk:** While most Halloween makeup is non-toxic, it can still cause skin irritation or allergic reactions. Always avoid applying makeup near the eyes.

**Safety Tip:** Glow sticks are generally safe, however, it's important to avoid biting or breaking them open.

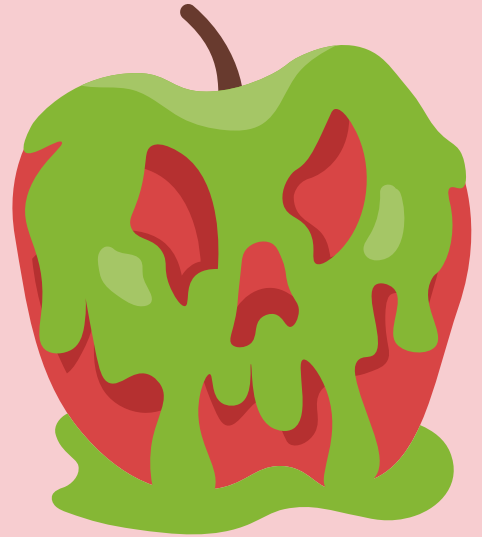
**Risk:** If the liquid inside gets on the skin or in the mouth, it can cause irritation, stinging, or even blisters. If exposed, wash the affected area with water for at least 15 minutes.

**Safety Tip:** Keep alcoholic beverages, cannabis edibles, vape pens, and cigarettes out of reach of curious children. Many items, like cannabis gummies, ready-made alcoholic drinks, and over-the-counter medications, can resemble candy and non-alcoholic drinks.

**Risk:** Children can become very sick if they drink alcohol or consume any amount of cannabis. Call our poison center with questions, or if child is unresponsive, call 911 immediately.

**Safety Tip:** Flashing jewelry or toys often use small disc batteries. Make sure the battery compartments are securely closed.

**Risk:** Call 911 immediately and go to the emergency room if a button battery is swallowed. These batteries can cause severe injuries if ingested.



# Beware of Copycat Products

Many products like ready-made alcoholic drinks, can resemble non-alcoholic drinks.

(Alcohol)



VS



(Energy Drink)

## In the Community: Upcoming Community Events

### TMC Spooktacular Safety Fair, October 18<sup>th</sup>

This free event offers educational safety information, including free bike helmets and booster seats, along with fun activities like music, inflatables, and food. Community partners and first responders will be present to help families learn about safety in a festive Halloween atmosphere.

### National Night Out and Safe Treats Event, October 24<sup>th</sup>

The Oro Valley Police Department will host the annual National Night Out on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Walmart Shopping Center located at 2150 E. Tangerine Road, Oro Valley, Arizona.



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