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An Office of the National Nurse would:

Elevate the Chief Nurse Officer (CNO) of the US Public Health Service to full time status within the Office of the Surgeon General to become the National Nurse to enhance prevention efforts in all communities.

Complement the work of the US Surgeon General.

Promote involvement of nurses as volunteers to improve the health and safety of the community.



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Monday, October 29, 2007

Halloween Safety For Our Ghosts, Goblins, Princes, and Princesses



Halloween safety is a must and to help prepare families in the Portland Metropolitan area, the Portland Community College Chapter of the National Student Nurses Association hosted their first "Haunted Hospital". The student nurses had two goals: first, for children to learn a bit more about their own bodies and how they work; and second, to provide their parents with some tips for Halloween safety.

Developed by you by Portland Community College and the National Student Nurses' Association

A Parent's Guide: Halloween Safety for Children

- Have children cross the street at crosswalks, not on the street
- Make sure they look both ways before crossing the street, even avoiding parked cars
- Give your child a flashlight to light his or her way
- Costumes can be flammable, so tell them to keep away from candles or open flames
- Additional light-colored or reflective-type clothing will help children be safe and visible
- Make sure that your child can see and be heard out of his or her costume properly and that there are no tripping hazards (like accessories that fit too long)
- Trick-or-treaters should visit homes with the porch light on and avoid houses that do not offer safe lighting
- They should never enter a stranger's house
- Children should be cautious of animals and strangers
- Children should never trick-or-treat alone
- Inspect treats before your child eats them
- A parents' children neighborhood Halloween party can offer a safe alternative to trick-or-treating

Creepy Trick:
Children can color paper and eggs!



Remember:
Visible Cuffs
Street Safety
Fluorid
Never Alone
Safe Alibi
Inspect Candy

Resources:
<http://www.aanurses.org/comm/documents/ACEHDDI.pdf> (file for kids use)
<http://www.fda.gov/oc/press/03/nursesandtrick.htm>

Although this is difficult to read, this is the handout that every adult who accompanied their child through the Haunted Hospital received. The students felt it was important that the information be written in easy to understand language, using these evidence-based practices to simplify their educational tool.

Use short words with only one or two syllables.

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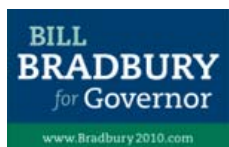
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Spell words out rather than using abbreviations or acronyms.
Organize information into chunks that improve recall and include no more than 7 items
Keep sentences short. (Bastable, 2003)

Bastable, S.B. (2003). Nurse as educator: , Principles of teaching and learning for nursing practice (2nd ed.). Sudbury, MA: Jones and Barlett Publishers.

(*Bastable is one of the recommended textbooks for use in preparing for the Certified Nurse Educator exam offered by the NLN)

Here is what students summarized as the important points for parents with trick or treaters to remember:

Visible outfit.
Street safety.
Flashlight.
Never alone.
Safe attire.
Inspect candy.

Prevention and health promotion, that is what the National Nurse campaign is all about. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

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