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5 WAYS TO SAFELY *Celebrate Halloween* DURING COVID-19

It's no surprise that Halloween will look a little different this year. As communities around the United States continue to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, many questions remain: will there be trick-or-treating? Parties? Will people feel safe venturing out and participating in the Halloween fun that we are all accustomed to?

Yes, Halloween is looking more like “Quarantine-O-Ween” this year, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy the festivities! Here are our top 5 ways you can celebrate Halloween in the era of social distancing.

Decorate Your Home

When else do you have the chance to decorate your house with ghouls and goblins? Trick out your home with the best Halloween decor in your neighborhood or community with your children and impress all of the trick-or-treaters that may stop by! From your porch to the mantel, no one will question your commitment to the holiday once they catch a glimpse of your handiwork.



Check out this [list of DIY Halloween decorations](#) for some inspiration!

Set up a “Candy Chute” to Hand Out Candy

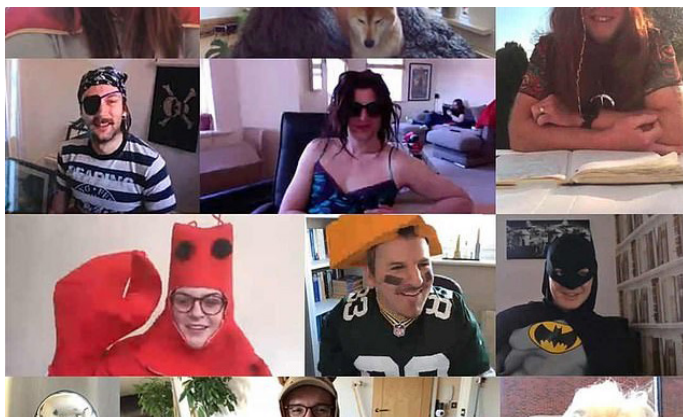
A growing trend this Halloween season is creating candy chutes so trick-or-treaters can have fun at a safe distance. You can use old cardboard tubing and attach it to your stairs or railing. When trick-or-treaters stop by for candy, you can drop treats from the top into candy bags or buckets below! You can also decorate it for some extra flair!



Host a Zoom Costume Party with Your Friends, Family or Co-Workers

Can't attend an in-person Halloween party this year? No problem! You can host a virtual Halloween party or pumpkin-carving contest from the comfort of your own home. Additionally, you can decorate your home and create a Halloween-inspired playlist to play during your virtual party... You can even have a prize for the person who has the scariest costume and drop it off on their doorstep.

To get the fun started, download this [Zoom background](#) we created so you can be festive on your call!



Decorate Your Face Masks

Decorating your face mask is another growing trend for Halloween 2020. Whether it's a family activity or DIY project for yourself, decorate a cloth or surgical mask to match your costume.

Make DIY Treats and Enjoy a Halloween Movie Marathon

From cookies frosted to look like witches to tangerines peeled and garnished with mint to look like pumpkins, the options are endless. Whatever you decide, you'll be spending more quality time with your children, teaching them how to bake and having fun in the process. When you're done baking the treats, you can enjoy them while you host a series of Halloween-themed movies featuring your child's costume or favorite characters.

For a full list of spooky DIY Halloween treats, [check out this list](#) for inspiration!

No matter how you celebrate Halloween this year, you can use this list to participate in a safe celebration with your family, friends and neighbors. You can also check out [these guidelines](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help you plan a safe Halloween celebration.

Happy Halloween and stay safe!

