



Reedley Safeguarding Newsletter

Staying Safe This October

Staying Safe During the Darker Evenings

As the nights draw in, it's important to help children stay safe when walking, cycling or travelling around the community.



Encourage children to wear bright or reflective clothing.



Use well-lit routes where possible.



Remind children to stay with friends when out and about.



Make sure mobile phones are charged if they are walking independently.



Talk about road safety and the importance of taking extra care when crossing roads.



Halloween and Trick-or-Treating Safety

Before heading out:



Tell a parent or carer where your child is going.



Agree on a time to return home.



Encourage children to stay with friends or be accompanied by a trusted adult.



Make sure they have a torch to help them see and be seen.



Choose familiar areas.

While trick-or-treating:



Stay in well-lit areas.



Do not enter strangers' homes.



Never accept lifts from people you do not know.



Be respectful of people's homes and property.



Cross roads carefully and watch for traffic.

When they get home:



Check sweets and treats with an adult before they are eaten.



Dispose of anything that appears opened, damaged or homemade (unless you know and trust the source).



Choosing a Safe Costume

Costumes are part of the fun, but safety should come first.



Make sure costumes fit properly and are not a trip hazard.



Consider face paint instead of masks that can restrict vision.



Add reflective accessories, glow sticks or bright colours so children can be easily seen.



Online Safety Reminder

Children may be sharing photos or using games and social media during Halloween. Please remind your child to:



Keep personal information private.



Only communicate with people they know.



Think carefully before posting photos or videos online.



Tell a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.



A Message to Families



Open conversations are one of the best ways to keep children safe. Taking a few minutes to talk about plans, boundaries and what to do if they feel worried can help children enjoy Halloween confidently and safely.