

# Managing Food Allergies During Halloween: A Comprehensive Guide for Parents and Children

Halloween is a fun holiday for kids, but it can be a nightmare for parents of children with food allergies. Every year, thousands of children with food allergies end up in the emergency room after eating candy or treats that contain their allergens.



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This guide will provide you with all the information you need to keep your child safe and happy on Halloween. We'll cover everything from how to choose safe treats to how to avoid cross-contamination. We'll also provide tips for parents on how to talk to their children about their food allergies and how to help them stay safe.

## How to Choose Safe Treats

The first step to keeping your child safe on Halloween is to choose safe treats. Here are some tips:

**\* Read the ingredient labels carefully.** This is the most important step in choosing safe treats. Look for any ingredients that your child is allergic to. **\* Choose treats that are packaged in sealed containers.** This will help to prevent cross-contamination. **\* Avoid treats that contain common allergens, such as peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, soy, and wheat.** **\* If you're not sure whether a treat is safe, don't give it to your child.**

Here are some examples of safe Halloween treats:

\* Candy corn \* Jelly beans \* Sour patch kids \* Starburst \* Skittles \* Dum Dums \* Tootsie Rolls \* Airheads

## **How to Avoid Cross-Contamination**

Cross-contamination is the transfer of allergens from one food to another. This can happen when food is prepared on the same equipment or when it is stored together.

Here are some tips to avoid cross-contamination:

**\* Wash your hands thoroughly before handling food.** **\* Use separate utensils and plates for food that contains allergens and food that does not.** **\* Store food that contains allergens in sealed containers.** **\* Do not allow your child to eat food that has been in contact with allergens.**

## **How to Talk to Your Child About Food Allergies**

It's important to talk to your child about their food allergies, especially before Halloween. Here are some tips:

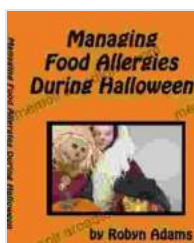
\* **Explain to your child what food allergies are and why they are important.** \* **Teach your child how to read ingredient labels.** \* **Help your child to identify safe foods and treats.** \* **Encourage your child to ask questions about food before they eat it.** \* **Let your child know that you are there to help them stay safe.**

## How to Help Your Child Stay Safe

Here are some tips to help your child stay safe on Halloween:

\* **Accompany your child while trick-or-treating.** This will help you to supervise their food intake and prevent them from eating anything that could be harmful. \* **Carry an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen) with you at all times.** This is a life-saving medication that can be used to treat allergic reactions. \* **Teach your child to carry an allergy alert bracelet or necklace.** This will help others to identify your child's allergies in case of an emergency. \* **Make sure your child knows how to contact you in case of an emergency.**

Halloween can be a fun and safe holiday for children with food allergies. By following these tips, you can help to prevent your child from having an allergic reaction.



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