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# ***Lesson Plan: News Update: Happy Halloween***

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## ***Introduction***

***The teacher or presenter might say:*** I'm sure most of you are looking forward to October 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween. You have probably selected or made a special costume to wear Trick or Treating. I think you may have even planned out a route through your neighborhood to knock on the doors of people you know give out great treats. If it's a nice day I think you might even plan to go a little farther from you home to get to as many houses as possible. I want you to watch this video and listen to what is being discussed by the characters. I want you to watch closely and think about what the characters say they want to do. Remember you have seen a few episodes where these same characters talk about stranger safety awareness. Let's watch the video.

## ***Objective***

The student will be able to identify stranger safety awareness skills that are appropriate for Halloween.

## ***Materials***

Paper, pencils, crayons

## ***Procedure***

Watch DVD presentation. Students will be asked to draw a picture of children in costume visiting a safe house for Trick or Treat.

***The Teacher or Presenter might say:*** Halloween is a time when many of us decorate our homes with Jack-o-lanterns, skeletons, ghosts, black cats and other scary objects. It gets dark fast on Halloween. That can add to spooky atmosphere some people really like. But Halloween is an important time to practice stranger safety awareness. It is one thing to go to the house of a neighbor that you know or to a friend's house and knock on the door and say "Trick or Treat!" You might even want to go a little farther from home than you normally do to get some extra treats. The characters in the video said, "You must be careful! You must be safe." What were some of the safety tips they spoke of? ***The Teacher or Presenter*** might ask several leading questions such as: Do you go "Trick or Treating" alone? Who should go with you? What do we call the practice of going "Trick or Treat" with a friend? What should house lighting look like to safely approach it? What if the porch light is not on at a house you are passing? How far ahead is it ok for me to get of the person I am walking with? If someone tries to grab you or force you

into their car or to go with them, what should you do? Do you eat any candy that has not been inspected by mom or dad?

### ***Summary***

Halloween can be a lot of fun. It can also be scary because you may do something that is unsafe. Be aware of your safety. Be alert. Be careful. Always go Trick or Treating with a parent or friend.

### ***Homework***

Discuss the safety tips from the video with you parents or guardian. Have a safe Halloween!