

Halloween Safety Tips: Ferrets

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tips for a safe halloween

Halloween is a fun time of year, but for ferrets, it can also be dangerous if you don't take the proper safety precautions. Below are some tips to help make sure that both you and your ferrets have a safe and fun-filled holiday!

- Ferrets love to get into sweet things, but chocolate can be toxic and accidentally getting into sugary candy can drop your ferret's blood glucose levels dangerously low. Make sure that the candy that you pass out or that your children bring home is not anywhere where your ferrets can get into it. Avoid giving your ferrets a taste no matter how much they beg.
- Ferrets are very curious, and love to explore new things. If you have Jack-O'-Lanterns in your home, especially those with candles inside them, keep them well out of your ferret's reach. An inquisitive ferret could easily singe his fur, or worse, climb into an illuminated pumpkin. All other decorations should be ferret safe or well out of your ferret's reach as well.
- If your ferrets play in the room that your front door opens into, be sure to put them in their cage or another room for the night. Ferrets are very fast and can be quite sneaky. It only takes a second for a ferret to dart out the door while you are passing out candy to trick-or-treaters.
- Put harnesses with ID tags on your ferrets while you are handing out candy just in case one of them does manage to get out of the house. Having proper identification will make it much more likely that your ferret finds his way back to you.
- 🚫 If your ferrets are unnerved by the constantly ringing doorbell or the noisiness of a Halloween party, put them in a quiet bedroom with a closed door. Stress isn't just upsetting for a ferret, it can have serious health consequences as well. Take a few minutes to make sure that your ferret will have peace and quiet.

Putting safety first allows everyone in your house - human and ferret - to have a great time this Halloween!