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Dressing in costume is part of the fun during Halloween-themed activity days at the Portland Children's Museum.

**Not-So-Scary Halloween Fun**

Find not-so-scary Halloween-themed fun at the Portland Children's Museum as three days of activities are planned for the annual celebration, starting Sunday, Oct. 29 and continuing through Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The events will include a pumpkin scavenger hunt, spooky story times, Halloween clay glazing,

pumpkin squish, glow-in-the-dark painting, trick-or-treat bag decorating, and more. All activities are free with admission to the museum, open daily between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Dressing up is encouraged!

Museum staff and volunteers will be passing out candy on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum will also host

a candy-free Halloween on Monday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.--1 p.m., handing out glow sticks, buttons, toys, and other treats that are sugar-free for everyone to enjoy.

The children's museum is located in Washington Park across from Oregon Zoo in southwest Portland. For more information, visit [portlandcm.org](http://portlandcm.org).

**Think Safety for Halloween**

BY KAY NEWELL  
 THE LIGHTBULB LADY

Boo lights can add to the fun of your Halloween festivities and delight the little trick or treaters arriving at your door, but electrical shorts can be really scary. So light up your yard with safety.



PHOTO BY COREY COYLE

Be sure to think safety when lighting up your home for some Halloween fun.

Do not use any cord that is cracked, has loose connections, or is not rated for the total wattage of the bulbs you are using. Do not connect too many light strings together. Each run needs to be plugged to its own outlet. A 100 light bulb strand, two 50 light strands, or three 25 light strands are each counted as one run.

Bulbs of 11 watts or lower can be used outdoors when installed in the proper cords. The higher wattage bulbs, ranging from 50 to 100 watts, should be installed in par

lamp fixtures. These outdoor flood lights come in many colors.

Use outdoor rated electrical boxes to plug in your holiday strings. A guy wire, which is a special kind of tension cable designed for stability, or support, should anchor lighting strings on a solid surface so that the wind and weight of the decorations cannot dislodge the bulbs or the cords.

Be safe--keep all connections and wires away from contact with weather, pets, and people.