

# PUMPKIN CARVING SAFETY TIPS

## **PREPARE YOUR PUMPKIN**

Moisture causes your hand or knife to slip.  
Dry hands, pumpkins, and tools are a must.

## **HAVE THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR THE JOB**

Pumpkin carving tools are safer and easier to control. The small saws and tools cause fewer and less severe injuries than any type of kitchen knife.

## **HOLD THE PUMPKIN WITH CAUTION**

Injuries occur when cutting towards one's hand or when the knife slips out the back where it is being held - OUCH! Make small controlled cuts and use tools that cannot reach the back to help reduce these risks.

## **CARVING IS FOR ADULTS**

Little hands and sharp utensils do not mix.  
Have them draw the pattern and remove pulp instead.

## **ADOLESCENTS REQUIRE ADULT SUPERVISION**

Carving parties are filled with distractions. If adolescents are carving pumpkins an adult should be present to ensure safe carving practices.

## **FIRST AID FOR A CARVING INJURY**

Bleeding should stop with direct pressure to the area, then clean and bandage the wound. If the finger lost feeling or motion, the wound is deep or finger width, or still bleeding after 15 minutes, go to the emergency room.

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# Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!