

HAUNTED HOUSES

The International Fire Code, has very strict requirements for haunted houses. It is very difficult to meet the requirements.



Code issues include:

- Exits, exit signs, and the path to the exit must be visible and clear of obstructions.
- Leaves and corn stalks must be made flame retardant and are not allowed inside the house. Plastic wall dividers cannot be used.
- Extension cords and power cords must be secured, ramped, and in good working order. They must be properly grounded.
- Tour guides (safeties) must be positioned inside the house to assist in emergencies. They must be trained in emergency procedures.
- Lighting may be dimmed but not turned off. Nothing can be placed on light fixtures or bulbs to mask them.
- No open flames allowed. No candles.
- Extinguishers must be readily accessible.
- Theatrical smoke or dry ice effects are not allowed without permission from EH&S. Smoke will trip the fire alarm system.
- Emergency alarm pull stations must not be blocked.
- Emergency strobes must not be obscured from view.

Students will be held accountable for any damage to campus buildings and are responsible for clean up.

Any events must be approved in advance by Campus Activities. (7-2811)

ALTERNATIVES TO A HAUNTED HOUSE:

GHOST WALK

- Outdoors: Create a safe walk with activities. Use walkways and trails with fun stations throughout the route.
- No open flames are allowed. Flash lights and glow sticks are a safe alternative.



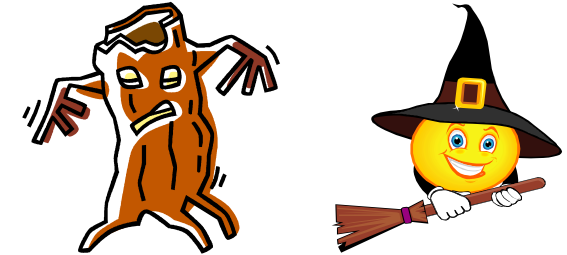
CAMPFIRE AND SCARY STORIES

- Reserve a camp fire pit at the corresponding campus community office for your event. You must apply for a campfire permit from Environmental Health and Safety.
- Invite participants to wear a costume.
- Include fun activities and scary stories.



THEMED DANCE

- Have fun with music.
- Include costumes, activities, and snacks.



OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

- Check local listings for hayrides, haunted houses, themed nature walks, and other events.
- Consider volunteering at local Halloween events.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Pedestrians and Traffic:

- Use sidewalks. Do not walk in roadways.
- Carry a flash light, glow stick, or use reflective tape. Be seen.
- Motorists should slow down and be aware of an increase in foot traffic.

Costumes:

- Should be flame resistant.
- Should not reduce your ability to see and hear.
- If a costume ignites remember to smother flames using: Stop, Drop, and Roll.

Decorations:

Refer to "Campus Safe Decorating Guidelines"



Useful Phone Numbers

Campus Activities.....7-2811

Campus Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire.....911

Police.....911

Police911

Ambulance.....911

Non-campus phone..... 777-2393



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