Make your home safe for trick or treaters. Make sure your front yard, walkway, and steps are swept and free of debris. And remove anything, like flowerpots or hoses, that could cause people to trip in the dark.

Keep the lights on. Be sure that trick-or-treaters and other visitors are able to see clearly after dark. This will help avoid a possible liability claim.

Make sure scary gags are harmless. Having lots of decorations that pop up and scare trick or treaters is great — just make sure they’re safe. Instead of shovels or pitchforks, opt for rubber/fake alternatives.

Keep pets locked up. Even friendly pets can become a handful when costumed kids keep showing up at the door. And you never know what trick or treater might be allergic to cats or dogs.

Make sure your Jack o’Lantern isn’t a fire hazard. Place the candle inside a small dish or tuna can to prevent it from becoming a hazard if it tips over inside the pumpkin. Or even forego the candle altogether and use a battery operated light.