

## Dear Counselling Corner:

Halloween is on Sunday, and I am wondering if you have any last minute ideas for celebrating Halloween which are 'Covid safe'? I am still feeling uncomfortable about trick or treating during a pandemic. Thanks so much!

**Boo Hoo**

## Dear Boo

Absolutely! I have some great ideas here which are fun and Covid safe. Here you go!

1. Host a virtual Halloween party and invite as many people as you want! Share your costumes and have a Halloween parade!
2. Carve pumpkins! Do this with your friends online or outside in a socially distanced space.
3. Halloween baking! I found a great website for 20 easy Halloween treats of all kinds of recipes and baking ideas you can do with your kids:  
<https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/20-fun-halloween-treats-make-kids.html>
4. Decorate! Make some homemade decorations with your kids. Check out this website for ideas: <https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/halloween-crafts-for-kids/>
5. Set up a 'candy hide-and-seek'! Hide candy inside or outside your home and let your children try to find it. To make it more fun, you may wish to provide them with clues. Play scary music and make it exciting!
6. Find or organize a Halloween Drive-through event. For example, this year the PNE is hosting one at: <https://www.pne.ca/treats/>
7. Deliver Halloween treats to your close friends. Put together a bag or basket of treats and leave it on their doorstep. My 17 year old daughter received one last week and she was absolutely thrilled.
8. Make a Halloween Candy Chute! Create a chute of some kind to deliver packaged treats safely down a chute to the receiving trick or treater. Here is an example:  
<https://www.al.com/life/2020/10/halloween-2020-how-to-make-a-candy-chute-for-trick-or-treaters.html>
9. Play Halloween games! Here are some ideas: <https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/g3476/halloween-party-games/>
10. Watch scary movies and eat popcorn!



*Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's social and emotional development at [hchang@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:hchang@sd43.bc.ca).*

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