Small children should never carve pumpkins.

- Children can draw a face with markers.
- Then parents can do the cutting.

Use a glow stick or flashlight instead of a candle to light your pumpkin. If you do use a candle, a votive candle is safest.

Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table away from curtains and other flammable objects, and not on a porch or path where visitors may pass close by.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); National Safety Council; American Academy of Pediatrics