# Let's support Accessibility Inclusion in our community this Halloween.



Let's make Wasaga Beach an accessible Halloween holiday for kids and adults with disabilities by celebrating from your driveway. Start by getting your FREE Treat Accessibly lawn sign at your local RE/MAX office today (RE/MAX By the Bay Brokerage) to show your support, while supplies last.

# Halloween can be for every BODY by making it accessible and inclusive

## Treat Accessibly – What is it?

Since 2018, RE/MAX Canada has partnered with Treat Accessibly to help drive household awareness to make trick-or-treating accessible and inclusive for children with disabilities by removing barriers that can make getting candy difficult such as staircases, steep or long driveways, strobe lights or loud noises, crowded front entrances, narrow pathways, and more.

Locally, RE/MAX By The Bay Brokerage and its Realtors will provide a FREE yard signs available for any residence who wishes to help make trick-or-treating more accessible here in Wasaga Beach this Halloween.

When a homeowner puts the sign on their lawn, they are committed to making their property accessible to everyBODY on Halloween.

#### Accessibility Tips:

All you need to do is take a few simple steps and you'll be set up with a trick-or-treating station that every child can enjoy.

## Provide Barrier-free Access:

Some trick-or-treaters may have difficulties navigating inclines, stairs, curving walkways, etc. Make sure to place your trick-or-treating station at a location that is easily accessible to all.

- Make sure the path to your trick-or-treating station is well-lit.
- Clear your driveway and pathways of any obstacles.
- Park your vehicle on the street or in your garage to allow easy access.
- Set up your trick-or-treating station at the end of your driveway or in your garage.
- If your home doesn't have a driveway why don't you use your vehicle to trunk-ortreat? Show your creativity and decorate your vehicle to make it extra special.

## Create a Safe Environment:

- If you are planning to decorate your trick-or-treating station, your front yard, or other visible areas of your home make sure that you are creating decorations that can be enjoyed by all.

- Refrain from the use of strobe lights and high-pitched, sudden loud noises which may be alarming for some children.
- Some pets can be intimidating so make sure that they are kept safely away from the front of the house.
- Everyone is different:
- Different disabilities can affect how someone interacts with others. All it takes is a little patience and understanding to ensure that trick-or-treaters feel comfortable and welcome.
- Not everyone can eat candy, so consider stocking some non-edible treats such as stickers, pencils, crayons, small toys, etc. stored in a bowl separate from your edible treats.
- You may see trick-or-treaters that appear older, but that doesn't mean they aren't excited about your treats!
- Some trick-or-treaters may not be able to see what they are getting. Consider explaining to them the delightful treat you're providing.
- Not everyone communicates in the same way. Just be patient and understanding. The children and their caregivers will appreciate it.

For additional details about the program, access the FAQ or visit treataccessibly.com

If you wish to participate this Halloween, we invite you to contact a local RE/MAX office/agent to secure your free lawn sign.

