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# halloween

## PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS



### JACK-O-LANTERN TRICKS

*Wait until dusk (just after the sun sets), turn off the flash, and minimize ambient light. You can get some great results by setting your camera on a tripod and taking a 4- or 8-second exposure. If it's really dark out, illuminate the pumpkin with a soft lamp or lantern, but make sure that most of the light is coming from the candle inside.*



### TIME IT RIGHT

*Before you start your round of trick-or-treating, get your kids outdoors and shoot photos around dusk. If you can take your photos during the last hour in which the sun is out, your photos should look great. Just before sunset the light is warm and soft, creating a nice "mood" in the photos. Be sure to turn your flash off for the best pictures.*



### FILL YOUR FRAME

*Halloween is a time of drama – this can show in your images, too, by getting in nice and close and filling the frame with your subjects. Of course, take photos that show the entire costume, but then zoom on in for a closeup. Standing back from your child and zooming in close will automatically blur the background of your photo.*



### SHOOT A SILHOUETTE

*To give your pictures a Halloween spin, shoot silhouette photos of kids in costume, pumpkins, gravestones, or other props. To get the shot, you need to light the subject from behind, so you should position your subject in front of a light source like the setting sun or porch lights.*