1. Trust your instincts. If you feel alarmed, scared or creped out in any situation, go with your gut. If you see something spooky on campus, contact NYU Public Safety; if you’re off campus, contact the local authorities immediately.

2. Avoid being alone or isolated with a vampire – or any creature – who you don’t know or trust. Make sure a dependable friend knows where you are and who you are with at all times. Don’t leave your group with anyone you’re not sure about – even if he or she asks. Say you’d rather stay with the group.

3. Know your surroundings and plan a Jack-o-lantern lit route back to your residence. Always carry emergency cash and keep phone numbers to howl at local cab companies if needed. Carry your charged cell phone.

4. Check in with your friends throughout All Hallow’s Eve. Form a buddy system so that no one wanders off alone. Agree on a secret “butt in” signal for uncomfortable situations, such as Ghost or Ghoul!

5. Don’t accept a potion from anyone you don’t know or trust, and never leave your potion unattended. If you lose sight of your potion, don’t drink from it again; get a new one, and always watch your potion being prepared.

6. Don’t let your guard down. Do not assume that the mummies, witches, and wizards you meet will look out for your best interests!

7. Watch out for your friends, and don’t be afraid to intervene if a situation appears to be scaring a friend or is frightening you. If your friend seems drunk or is acting abnormally, get him or her to a safe place immediately.