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Oct. 4 — Walk to School Day



For many people, Halloween is the season for spooky fun, and haunted house attractions are ready to accommodate them. Most of the time these ventures provide the thrills patrons crave without incident ... but not always. In some cases, however, liability issues can get dicey.

By its very nature, a haunted house is intended to be scary, with dim or disorienting lighting, blind corners, and "creatures" and objects jumping out at patrons. Patrons know what to expect and assume the risk that entails, a legal theory known as the "assumption of risk." Haunted house owners/operators are generally not responsible for a patron's reaction to being frightened — for instance, fainting, falling backwards, or tripping over their own two feet while scrambling away. Efforts to recover compensation for injuries often prove fruitless.

However, owners/operators must still make a reasonable effort to maintain safe premises for guests and can be held liable for injuries when failing to do so. That starts with adherence to state and local safety and fire-code regulations, and acquisition of proper permits.

Common injuries sustained at haunted houses include slip, trip, and fall injuries. A raised electric cord extended across a hallway or a wet spot on the floor can prove hazardous. Props that are not firmly attached to walls and ceilings sometimes fall on guests, causing serious injuries. Animatronics occasionally go haywire, too.

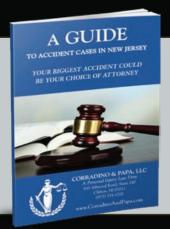
Fog and smoke machines produce carbon monoxide (CO). If ventilation is poor, CO can accumulate and poison guests. Too many patrons in one location can spark unnecessary chaos, and an actor who grabs and injures a guest can render the owner/operator liable.

If you or a loved one is injured at a haunted house attraction, please contact <u>Corradino & Papa</u> o explore your options. ■





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Quote of the Month: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

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# dirt pudding cups

### **Ingredients**

- ½ cups vanilla greek yogurt
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup honey
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup creamy peanut butter optional
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups crushed chocolate sandwich cookies about 16 cookies
- 15 gummy worms

### **Directions**

- 1. Place the vanilla yogurt, heavy cream, honey, cacao powder, peanut butter, vanilla and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer and process until smooth and fluffy, about 1 minute, making sure to scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.
- 2. Create alternate layers, 2 each of the crushed cookies and the chocolate pudding and divide between 6 small cups or
- 3. Top with gummy worms and serve immediately. ■











