

# So that's what daddy does at work

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As many people have pointed out, Hallowe'en at Microsoft is a very family-oriented affair. The parents love it because the kids are in a safe environment; the kids love it because instead of having to go from house to house, you just have to walk to the next office, and then there's a big party in the cafeteria afterwards. Though it does lead to some misconceptions on the part of the younger children, the result of extrapolation from too few data points. I remember a colleague of mine who brought his young daughter to work for Hallowe'en. A conversation with "Cathy" some days later went like this: "Hi, Cathy." "Hi." "Do you know where your daddy works?" "He works at Microsoft." "Do you know what your daddy does at work?"

"He walks around and gets candy."

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