

*Dear All,*

*Diwali is just round the corner*

*Let's*

*Celebrate Diwali*

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*With*

*Following tips*

Diwali is thoroughly enjoyed by people of all age groups as they love the splendor and sparkle of fireworks. The earthen lamps that we light on Diwali night are generally placed on balcony and window ledges. So ensure that these are not near any flammable material like wood, cloth or paper. Usually, decorative lights are used on special occasions only and as such not much care is given to one's life. The electric lights should never be tied to any metal poles as any current leak can energize the pole and give a shock to anyone who touches the pole.

All accidents due to fireworks occur as a result of carelessness, negligence and ignorance. But these can certainly be avoided by observing some very simple precautions. All of us enjoy the pleasure of light and sound but when disaster strikes the injured has to bear the cross. If you're going to set off fireworks at home this year, please take a few minutes to read through the guidelines.

## Do's:

- Look for an open space and ensure there are no combustible and inflammatory things around. If so remove them at once
- Always buy fire works for licensed and reliable sellers
- Keep small children away from the bursting area
- Use a sparkler, agarbatti or a long fire wood to burst a cracker as they keep you at a safe distance and do not possess open flames
- Read the label on the crackers and follow the instructions carefully.
- While igniting aerial fire works like rockets ensure that they are not facing any opening like an open window, door or an open building which may cause fire accidents.
- Keep fireworks stock away while lighting a particular firework.
- Wear footwear while lighting fireworks.
- Keep and a bucket full of water handy.
- Be Prepared for Emergency.
- Organize a community display of fireworks rather than individuals handling crackers.
- Keep first aid & two buckets of water handy. In the event of fire, extinguish flame by pouring water from the buckets. Every major fire is small when it starts.
- Light only one firework at a time, by one person. Others should watch from a safe distance.
- In case of burns, pour large quantity of water on the burnt area.
- In case of major burns, after extinguishing the fire, remove all smoldering clothes. Wrap the victim in a clean bed sheet.
- The patient should be taken to a burns specialist or a major hospital. Don't panicky.
- In case of eye burns, wash the eye with tap water for 10 minutes and take the victim to a hospital.

## Don'ts:

- **Don't wear Nylon clothes prefer cotton while bursting crackers.**
- **Strictly avoid using matches and lighters for bursting crackers as they have open flames which can be dangerous**
- **Never ignite aerial fireworks (like rockets) if there is any overhead obstruction present like trees and wires etc.**
- **Never ever leave a lit match, agarbatti or sparkler s near unused crackers.**
- **Never experiment with crackers or make your own fire works**
- **Avoid bursting fire works on roads**
- **Never ever light a cracker in your hand. See to it that you put it down and ignite it.**
- **Don't keep your face close to the cracker while trying to ignite it.**
- **Do not throw fire works at people**
- **Never give ANY firework item to small children**
- **Never try to burst crackers indoors or from inside a vehicle.**
- **Do not have fire works in your pocket while igniting another**
- **Do not tend to burst crackers when some one else is trying to ignite one**
- **When crackers take time or do not ignite immediately, do not indulge in trying to burst them. Rush to a safe place immediately. Throw some water to diffuse them.**
- **Never try to light used fireworks.**
- **Don't ignite fireworks in any container.**
- **Don't approach immediately to the misfired fireworks.**
- **Don't tamper with misfired fireworks.**
- **Don't wear loosely hanging clothes; secure all clothes properly.**
- **Don't apply any cream or ointment or oil on burnt area.**

**Have Fun but Play Safe, Play  
Cool !!! ...**