

# *CITY E.M. HIGH SCHOOL AI*

Wishing you a happy and joyous festival of lights.

Happy Diwali.

As the festive spirit of Deepawali approaches, one can prioritize the safety and well-being of ourselves. We have to follow safety precautions to ensure a joyous and accident-free celebration. Here is a comprehensive overview of the typical Deepawali safety guidelines.

Students are consistently advised to:

Adult supervision is a must:

Under no circumstances should children light firecrackers without the presence and guidance of a responsible adult.

Maintain a safe distance:

Students are instructed to keep a safe distance from burning crackers and never attempt to reignite a firecracker that has failed to burst.

Designated open spaces:

The use of open areas is used for bursting crackers, outside from houses, vehicles, and flammable materials, is strongly emphasized.

Proper disposal:

Used and un-burst firecrackers should be carefully doused in a bucket of water before disposal to prevent any accidental explosions.

Purchase from licensed vendors:

One should buy firecrackers from unlicensed sellers to ensure they meet safety standards. The use of "green crackers" that are less polluting is also encouraged.

Attire and Personal Safety

The choice of clothing and other personal precautions are also key aspects of Deepawali safety :

Wear cotton clothes : Students are advised to wear well-fitted cotton garments instead of loose, synthetic clothing, which can easily catch fire.

Footwear is important : Wearing shoes or other appropriate footwear is recommended to protect feet from stray sparks and crackers.

Sanitizer warning: A crucial and more recent addition to safety guidelines is the warning against using alcohol-based hand sanitizers before or while lighting diyas or firecrackers, as they are highly flammable.

Safety with Diyas and Candles :

The beautiful tradition of lighting diyas and candles also comes with its own set of safe placement. Diyas and candles should be placed on stable, flat surfaces, away from curtains, furniture, and other flammable objects.

Keep away from electrical wiring : It is important to ensure that lamps and candles are not placed near electrical wires or appliances.

Never leave them unattended : Students are reminded to never leave lighted diyas and candles unattended, especially in the presence of young children and pets.

General Health and Environmental Consciousness :

Beyond fire safety, it is also focus on the broader health and environmental impacts of Deepawali celebrations.

First-aid preparedness : The importance of having a first-aid kit readily available with essentials like burn ointment and bandages is stressed. In case of a burn, the affected area should be held under cool running water.

Food safety : It is advised that students to be cautious about consuming sweets and snacks from outside vendors and to prioritize home-cooked meals.

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