



Every Deepawali in Bangalore alone, hundreds of people injure their eyes and a few even have total loss of vision. Last year, Narayana Nethralaya had treated a large number of eye injuries during the Deepawali period, a majority being children below the age of 14 years and innocent bystanders hit by a cracker while walking or riding. Most of the cases could have been easily prevented. This Deepawali, let us all take certain steps, that will help us enjoy the festival of lights without burns and injuries to our fingers and eyes.



Selection:

Do not buy unbranded crackers and avoid unpredictable crackers like rockets.



Storage:

Keep the crackers out of reach of children, and do not store it in kitchen or Pooja rooms.



Supervision:

All children, even teenagers must be supervised.



Clothing:

Wear simple cotton clothes while bursting crackers. Do not wear synthetic/ silk or loose garments. Preferably use protective glasses.



Place:

Open fields are the best places to burst crackers. Never burst them on roads or inside the house. Do not throw them out on roads as they may injure innocent passersby.



While burning:

Do not bend over to light – keep crackers at higher level, Do not play pranks like throwing lit-up crackers at each other, Do not make a pool of crackers and burn them. Keep a bucket each of water and sand ready. Keep a safe distance from the cracker that you are lighting



First Aid:

Minor injuries: Thoroughly wash the eye with clean water and rush to hospital.

Major injuries: Pad and rush to hospital.

***“ Let Deepawali be a festival of lights and not darkness.
Let it be a festival of happiness, **not tragedy** ”***

We, at Narayana Nethralaya as part of our corporate social responsibility provide free primary treatment to all eye cracker injury patients during Deepawali at our three hospitals.

God forbid, should you or your dear ones meet with any such calamity, please contact:

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