ANTI-FIRE CRACKERS CAMPAIGN



Let's Celebrate A Pollution-Free Diwali Known Health Impacts From Bursting FireCrackers Caused Due To Their Chemical Composition

Remember Last Diwali? Make it different this time. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has banned the bursting of fire-crackers or any noise generating fireworks of high decibels to control the noise pollution.



This Diwali. Only Diyas, No Fireworks.

~ The Fresh Quotes ~



| Color Producing Compounds Used In FireCrackers | | |
|--|--------|--|
| Metal & Its Compounds | Colour | |
| Strontium Salts & Lithium Salts (Li ₂ CO ₃ , SrCO ₃) | Red | |
| Calcium Salts (CaCl ₂ , CaSO ₄ . ₂ H ₂ O) | Orange | |
| Incandescence of Iron or Charcoal | Gold | |
| Sodium Compounds (NaNO ₃ , ,Na ₃ AIF ₆) | Yellow | |

| Metal & Its Compounds | Colour |
|--|----------------|
| White Hot Metal (SaO) | Electric White |
| Barium compounds with Chlorine (BaCl ⁺) | Green |
| Copper Compounds and Chlorine Cu ₃ As ₂ 0 ₃ Cu(C ₂ H ₃ 0 ₂) ₂ | Blue |
| Mixture of Strontium (red) and Copper (blue) compounds | Purple |
| Burning aluminium, titanium or magnesium powder | Silver |

It's in our hands!



Summary Of Chemicals Used Causing Sparkling Effects In FireCrackers

| Chemical Compounds | Purpose Usage | Chemical Compounds | Purpose Usage |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lead Dioxide/ Nitrate/ Chloride | Oxidizer | Aluminium | Brilliant Whites |
| Lithium compounds | Blazing Reds | Potassium Nitrate | In Black Powder |
| Mercury (Mercurous chloride) | Chlorine Donor | Ammonium and Potassium | Propellant / Oxidizer |
| Barium Nitrate | Glittering Greens | Copper Compounds | Blues |

Impact Of Non-Stochiometric Ingredients In FireCrackers On Health

- The lighting effects and noise levels depend on the chemistry of fireworks and the combustive features of the ingredients.
- The major concern is inappropriate stochiometric amounts of the ingredients in making common firecrackers.



Firecrackers are made of chemicals/metallic agents some of which are toxic when they are burst.



The major constituents of smog that forms from firecracker emissions contain SO_x , NO_x and significant dust load or particulate matter that may contain any of the following heavy metals ex. Pb, Hg, Sr, Li, Al etc.





Environmental Health Effects: Hazardous & Toxic Nature of Ingredients Used In Firecrackers

Table below provides an overview of immediate/long term effects of commonly used ingredients used in making firecrackers.

| Compound | Environmental Health Effects |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Aluminium | Contact dermatitis, bio-accumulation |
| Sulfur Dioxide | Acid rain from sulphuric acid affects water sources, vegetation & causes property damage. |
| Potassium Nitrate | Toxic dusts, carcinogenic sulfur-coal compounds |
| Perchlorate – Ammonium & Potassium | Can contaminate ground & surface waters, can cause thyroid problems in humans & animals |

| Compound | Environmental Health Effects |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Copper Compounds | Polychlorinated dioxins and di-benzofurans. Can bio-accumulate, Risk of Cancer |
| Antimony Sulfide | Toxic smoke, possible carcinogen |
| Lead Dioxide/ Nitrate/ Chloride | Bio-accumulation, developmental danger for kids and unborn babies, may remain airborne for days, poisonous to plants and animals |
| Lithium Compounds | Toxic and irritating fumes when burned |
| Mercury | Toxic heavy metal. Can bio-accumulate. |
| Barium Nitrate | Poisonous fumes can irritate the respiratory tract. Possible radioactive fallout. |

| Compound | Environmental Health Effects |
|------------------------|--|
| Nitric Oxide | Toxic by inhalation. Is a free radical. |
| Nitrogen Dioxide | Highly toxic by inhalation. |
| Ozone | Greenhouse gas that attacks and irritates lungs |
| Arsenic Compounds | Toxic ash can cause lung cancer, skin irritation and wart formation |
| Strontium Compounds | Can replace calcium in the body Strontium Chloride is slightly toxic. |

This Diwali forget crackers... LAUGH TOGETHER INSTEAD

Thank You