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Holi Hai

Celebrate, rejoice and make merry – while dodging splashes of colors at the same time. Take some time off your chores and unwind with your friends.

We've put together some simple dos and don'ts for a safe, thoughtful and fun Holi.

Dos:

- Use all-natural colors and powders made from flower extracts.
- Give your children buckets of clean water and monitor their activities.
- Roll your car windows up while driving inside the apartment complex.
- Take out your old and faded clothes and wear them for the occasion.
- Apply colors on people's faces in a gentle manner, and understand that some residents may not be in a mood to celebrate.
- Give your children a short brief on the cultural significance behind the fun festival
- Apply oil on your skin and hair - you can slip away easily, and the colors won't stick!

Dont's:

- Don't use unclean water.
- Don't use artificial colors (abir), as these contain flakes of mica.
- Don't pour colored water on plants and garden areas.
- Don't create a mess in the common areas and parking lots, always stick to the site that the committee decides on.
- Drinking bhang maybe customary, but don't force feed it to anyone.
- Don't take things to heart if your neighbor's children go overboard, be forgiving.
- Don't spray colors on the walls, vehicles or doorways of other residents.
- Don't throw balloons or spray colored water inside other flats, and respect their personal space.

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May the festival bring along good health and good luck to you and your family!