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AWARENESS CREATION REGARDING BAN ON SHARP MANJA FOR KITES.

Dear Parents,

Kite flying by using thread made out of plastic, nylon or similar such synthetic material including popularly known "Chinese thread/manja" or any other thread coated with glass/metallic components causes a lot of injury to human beings and birds which many a times turns out to be fatal. Apart from this, such kite flying threads being non-biodegradable, causes harm to the environment. These also sometimes result in flash-over on the power lines and sub-stations thereby causing power interruptions to consumers, straining and damaging electrical assets, causing accidents, injuries and loss of life.
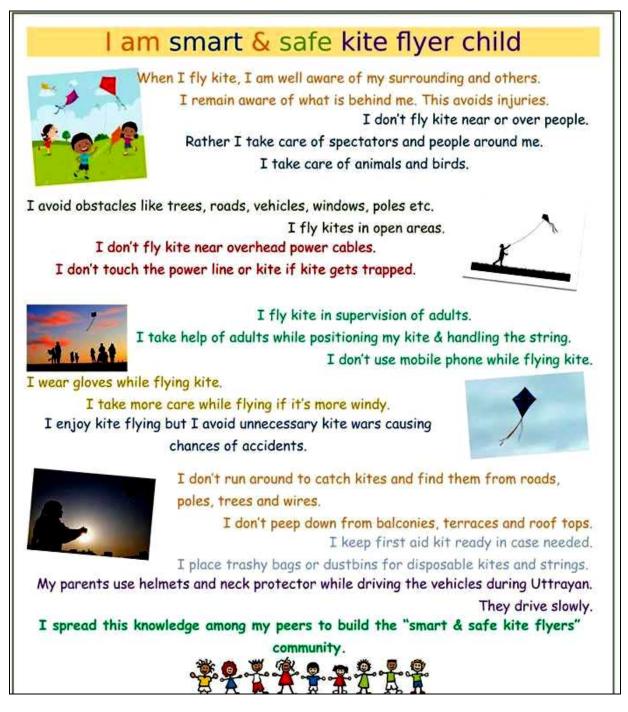
Hence, kite flying must be done only with a cotton thread, free from any sharp/metallic/glass components/adhesives/thread strengthening materials.

Keep in mind these common safety precautions for kite flying:

- **Don't use Sharp Manja made with any other material except Cotton.**
- **Don't fly near people, especially young children.**
- **Don't fly close to roads. Landing a kite in a road could cause a serious accident.**
- **Keep clear of electric power lines, electrical signs, and TV and radio aerials.**
- **Don't fly your kite in winds stronger than recommended.**
- **Never fly in stormy weather. Wet lines are conductive!**
- **Don't underestimate the power of the wind. Always wear gloves when flying a hard-pulling kite. Although it's unusual for dogs to attack kites while still in the air, always make sure there are no dogs around when you land your kite. They are known to run away**

when a kite lands, but in some instances, they've been known to grab the kite and run away with it.

- Don't let a too young child fly a kite alone. Always accompany them on their first flights.
- Watch out for rocks and holes while flying kite.
- Abandon a kite before risking your life to rescue it from trees or telephone poles. In the long run, you'll be better off buying a new kite.

I am smart & safe kite flyer child

When I fly kite, I am well aware of my surrounding and others.

I remain aware of what is behind me. This avoids injuries.

I don't fly kite near or over people.

Rather I take care of spectators and people around me.

I take care of animals and birds.

I avoid obstacles like trees, roads, vehicles, windows, poles etc.

I fly kites in open areas.

I don't fly kite near overhead power cables.

I don't touch the power line or kite if kite gets trapped.

I fly kite in supervision of adults.

I take help of adults while positioning my kite & handling the string.

I don't use mobile phone while flying kite.

I wear gloves while flying kite.

I take more care while flying if it's more windy.

I enjoy kite flying but I avoid unnecessary kite wars causing chances of accidents.

I don't run around to catch kites and find them from roads, poles, trees and wires.

I don't peep down from balconies, terraces and roof tops.

I keep first aid kit ready in case needed.

I place trashy bags or dustbins for disposable kites and strings.

My parents use helmets and neck protector while driving the vehicles during Uttrayan.

They drive slowly.

I spread this knowledge among my peers to build the "smart & safe kite flyers" community.

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