

CELEBRATING BANDI CHHOR (DIWALI) SAFELY

Preventing spread of COVID-19



Restrict your darshan time to **as short as possible** to allow others to visit the Gurdwara.



Sangat should light candles **at home** instead of at the Gurdwara



If candles are being lit in Gurdwaras, bring your **own candles**.



Gurdwaras should only allow candles to be **lit outdoors** where social distancing is possible.



Take off your shoes and place safely on a rack as provided. Do not touch anyone else's shoes or belongings.



Serious Fire Risk: If lighting fireworks, or lighting a candle, **DO NOT USE AN ALCOHOL SANITISER** at any time before or after the event. Use hand soap and water where needed.



Firework Displays cannot happen at Gurdwaras.



Enjoy the **Virtual Diwans** on Social Media and Sikh Media Outlets (TV/Radio)



Any food being donated should be **purchased a few days before** attending. Avoid going to a shop on the way to the Gurdwara.



As langar is only allowed to be distributed outside the Gurdwara for Food Aid - please **do not donate perishable food**. We encourage monetary donations or dry items (lentils, atta, rice etc)



Eat healthy (cut down on sweets and snacks) as most of us will not be as active during lockdown.



This Bandi Chhor/Diwali will not be the same. Try to light your mind with Gurbani (Guru's teachings) and stay in Chardi- Kala (High Spirits)