

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Sir,

**BAN ON FIRECRACKERS SHOULD NOT BE LIFTED DURING FESTIVALS**

A limited study was carried out in children (below 12 years of age) from Petaling Jaya with fireworks injuries requiring admission from Chinese New Year 1989 to Chinese New Year 1990 (February 1989 to February 1990). Information on nature of fireworks injuries was entered into questionnaires in four hospitals around Petaling Jaya (University Hospital, Pantai Medical Centre, Assunta Hospital and Subang Jaya Medical Centre). During the ban on fire crackers during Hari Raya 1989 and Deepavali 1989, no injuries requiring admission were noted. During Chinese New Year 1989 and 1990, one death and two burns were observed. One boy who played with bamboo cannon (meriam buluh) was brought in dead. The ban on fire crackers should not be lifted during festive seasons in Malaysia.

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