We are committed to the safety and security of Muslims throughout the UK but hate crime remains a growing problem which impacts not only the individual but Muslim communities and wider society in general.

Personal safety is paramount for everyone. Therefore, we have developed the following safety tips to keep Muslims and Islamic institutions safe.

**Personal safety tips:**

- Be alert to your surroundings
- Stick to public routes you know are well lit and busy
- Avoid shortcuts through unlit areas. If it feels unsafe, find a more public route, especially at night
- Let a family member or friend know about your travel plans
- If you are worried, carry a personal alarm and use it when needed
- If you are attacked or abused, try to note down their appearance, clothing, and where the incident took place. If safe to do so, take a photograph and then report the incident to Tell MAMA or the police
- In an emergency always dial 999

**Safety tips for Islamic institutions:**

- Try not to engage directly with perpetrators and maintain a safe distance
- Dial 999 if you feel that individuals pose a risk to the safety of individuals or the institution itself
- Ensure that CCTV in and around the institution is working. This is crucial for securing evidence
- Islamic institutions are open places but do not be afraid to speak with unfamiliar faces to ensure that everyone feels welcome and safe, thus deterring potential perpetrators, where safe to do so
- Where possible, and safe to do so, photograph any intruder or perpetrator, or note down their details e.g. appearance and clothing, and report the incident to Tell MAMA or the police

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