

HOW TO KEEP SAFE DURING EID AL-FITR 2020

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Eid Mubarak!

Eid al-Fitr concerns the breaking of the fast and occurs at the end of Ramadan, and, depending on the sighting of the crescent moon, will begin this year on May 23 or 24, and will last for three days.

Before Eid prayers, however, a food donation to charity must occur (Zakat al-Fitr or fitrana), from Muslim adults who have excess foods, to help to ensure that the poor do not go hungry on Eid.

Celebrations begin after prayers, with gifts and sweets exchanged, and depending on the country, traditional sweet treats are made before Eid (or on the morning of the first day).

It's common to hear greetings like "Eid Mubarak!" which means have a blessed Eid. Other linguistic variations include "Selamat Lebaran" (Indonesia), "Mutlu Bayramlar" (Turkish), "Ciid wanaagsan" (Somali), and "Barka da Sallah" in Hausa, a Nigerian language. In Malaysia, a common Eid greeting is "Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri".

Safety tips and advice

Eid is a time of celebration, after completing the important religious duty of fasting, we have tailored some advice and safety tips to help keep you and others safe as we continue to deal with the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

Remain alert to your surroundings when leaving your home for work, essentials, or exercise, and always observe the social distancing measures of 2 metres.

If you use public transport, note down departure times, your nearest bus stops, and other identifiable information (e.g. bus numbers or which carriage of a train you entered).

Supermarkets and shops will enforce social distancing measures. Please remain vigilant when queuing or when working as a security, and report any abuse or discrimination to management, the police, or Tell MAMA in confidence.

If you face abuse online, note down the URL or send us a screenshot so we can investigate.

In England, you can spend time outdoors, exercise with those in your household only, and meet one other person, while practising social distancing. You cannot, however, do this in Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, where you must stay home (unless for essential food, health, and work reasons). Gatherings of more than two people from different households remains prohibited in law.

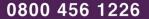












Continue to make use of technology to keep in touch with family, friends, and others, especially for iftar time, sharing foods and gifts with those in your households only (unless items were ordered to other places online).

Mosques sadly remain closed, but some will broadcast the call to prayer, so don't visit, and instead, see what services are available online.

If you are abused or attacked, call 999 in an emergency, otherwise, call the non-emergency 101 number, or, report hate crimes and incidents online to Tell MAMA and via the True Vision platform.

If safe to do so, take a photograph or video of the perpetrator(s), and try to remember their identifiable features (e.g. distinct clothing, appearance, tattoos, piercings), any vehicle registration details (if relevant), make a note of the time and location of the incident (to the best of your knowledge).



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