



# **Safety Tips Ramadan 2024**



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Tell MAMA is committed to the safety and security of Muslim communities, Islamic institutions and places of worship. and throughout the holy month of Ramadan we devised safety tips for the public when in public areas, on transport, and when going to and from mosques and community centres.

With Tell MAMA [recording record levels of anti-Muslim hate](#) and Islamophobia between 7 October and 7 February, it is imperative that we look out for each other, stand together, and remain vigilant.

## General safety tips this Ramadan

- ✓ Remain alert and aware of your surroundings.
- ✓ Plan your journey to and from the masjid and try to stick to it.
- ✓ Only use public routes you know which are busy and well-lit - especially for evening prayers (Maghrib), night prayers (Isha), Taraweeh prayers and morning prayers (Fajr).
- ✓ Try to leave the masjid with friends and relatives where possible.
- ✓ If using public transport, note departure times and your nearest bus stops.
- ✓ Message loved ones about your departure and arrival times between prayers.
- ✓ You may wish to carry a personal alarm to use if needed.
- ✓ If it is safe to do so, photograph or video of the perpetrator(s) and note their description (e.g., their clothes, any tattoos, or piercings visible).

## Safety tips for mosques this Ramadan

- ✓ If unwanted visitors enter the mosque, try not to engage directly with them and maintain a safe distance.
- ✓ Dial **999** if you feel that they pose a safety risk.
- ✓ Ensure that CCTV in and around the mosque is working to help secure evidence.
- ✓ Ensure that entrances and exits of the mosque remain well-lit during prayer times.
- ✓ Mosques are open places but do not be afraid to speak with unfamiliar visitors to ensure that they do not pose a risk.
- ✓ If it is safe to do so, photograph any unwanted visitor or note their description.
- ✓ If the mosque receives hate mail or mail of unknown origin, its contents and envelope must be kept and handled minimally to preserve evidence and placed in a clean and sealable plastic bag to stop further contamination.



## When using trains this Ramadan

- ✓ Note down where on the train you entered - remember the carriage number or letter or if you entered at the front, middle or back of the train.
- ✓ If using the London Underground, remember the above information and note down the number of the carriage (located at the emergency exits of each carriage).
- ✓ Let loved ones know of your arrival and departure times when travelling for prayers, especially for evening prayers (Maghrib), night prayers (Isha), Taraweeh prayers and morning prayers (Fajr).
- ✓ Try to leave mosques (masjids) with friends or family where possible.
- ✓ If attacked or abused, try to write down details like their appearance, clothing, and the time of the attack and where possible and safe to do so, take a photograph or video to share with Tell MAMA or the BTP.
- ✓ Trust your judgement and move away from those who are aggressive or acting drunkenly - this could mean moving to a different section of the carriage, or, if travelling on the London Underground, exiting the train at the next available stop and waiting for the next train, or informing staff or BTP officers of any concerns.
- ✓ Text **BTP** on **61016** or call **0800 40 50 40**.



## When using buses this Ramadan

- ✓ Take care when planning your journey, apps like Google Maps and CityMapper allow you to see when the next bus arrives and when the last bus departs. Bus stops also will have signage either printed or digital with information.
- ✓ If you can, try to sit closer to the driver, but if any passengers make you uncomfortable, try to find another seat or stand away where possible.
- ✓ Note down the bus number and general directions and let loved ones know of your route and its progress.



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