

# 20 SECURITY TIPS



## Mosque Security

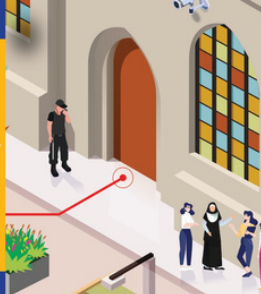
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### TIP 1

#### PROTOCOL FOR ENTRANCE AND EXIT

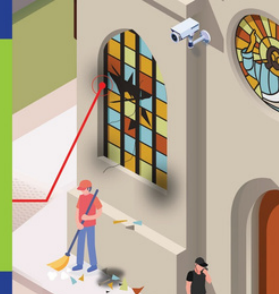
Prepare management protocols for your place of worship entry and exit points. When to open and close main doors, avoid worshippers standing at exit points that open onto main roads, and encourage meet and greet behind fences and bollards to protect the congregation.



### TIP 2

#### INSURANCE POLICY

Ensure your place of worship has an insurance policy in place and covers break-ins, thefts, vandalism and terrorism.



### TIP 3

#### UP-TO-DATE SURVEILLANCE EQUIPEMENT

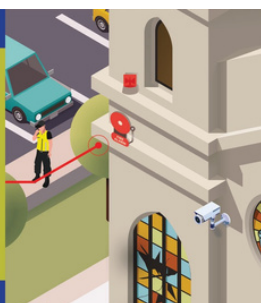
Ensure installed video surveillance equipment is working and recording platforms can store images. Clean internal & external cameras, so images are not obscured. Place backup of stored data off-site for later review if required.



### TIP 4

#### OPERATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Test all safety systems, including fire alarms and emergency lights. Ensure links to police or security via alarm systems are operational.



### TIP 5

#### SECURE ONLINE COMMUNICATION

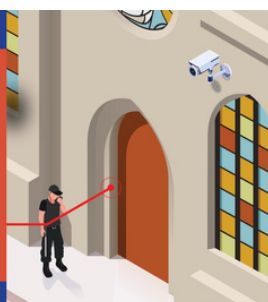
Secure website and online communication against cyber threats.



### TIP 6

#### CLEAR EMERGENCY EXITS

Make fire/emergency exits known to all and keep them clear at all times.



### TIP 7

#### REHEARSE SAFETY PROCEDURES

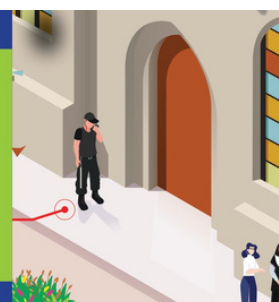
Leadership should rehearse safety and security procedures before large gatherings, prepare a safety culture documentation and signage, and share them with the congregation. Make law enforcement agencies aware of large gatherings and invite where possible.



### TIP 8

#### DESIGNATED ROLES

Assign roles, especially a designated security officer (DSO), and work closely with law enforcement & local service for your protection needs, partnership is key.



### TIP 9

#### DOOR POLICIES

Create door policies – lock main and side doors once prayers begin, where possible. Any unlocked doors should be monitored, give door volunteers means to communicate whilst on duty with two-way radios.



### TIP 10

#### EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Ensure ease of access for emergency vehicles, especially during congregational worship.



### TIP 11

#### PARKING

Monitor parking entry and exit points, note and report any suspicious vehicles. Make sure there is no blockages, parking attendants should restrict access when carpark is full.



### TIP 12

#### HIGH VIS JACKETS

Make sure all operational staff and parking attendants are wearing high vis jackets and can be seen from afar. The jackets should look official with organisations logo on chest and back.



### TIP 13

#### POLICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ENGAGEMENT

Contact Police and local authorities with the annual goals of developing long-term security plans, threat assessments, crisis and incident plans, and trainings.



### TIP 14

#### EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Faith leaders and leadership in Places of Worship need training and awareness of crowd control and management, especially for emergency evacuation procedures.



### TIP 15

#### DISABLED ACCESS

Do consider those in your congregation with special needs and incorporate measures to enable quick and easy access or exit for them.



### TIP 16

#### FEMALE AND YOUTH FACILITIES

It is advisable to take extra measures to safeguard the vulnerable, female and youth facilities. Incorporating them in the planning and management process is essential.



### TIP 17

#### LIGHTING

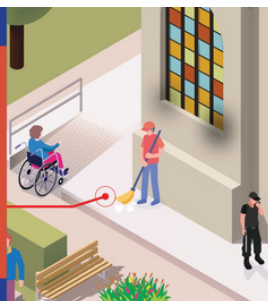
Having all areas in and around the place of worship clearly visible and well-lit reduces the risk of attacks. Install perimeter floodlights to cover external grounds and parking spaces. Ideally motion sensor triggered.



### TIP 18

#### KEEPING OUTSIDE AREAS CLEAN

Remove potential fire hazards, such as rubbish and debris and trim shrubs and vines to reduce areas of concealment. Rubbish bins kept away from parameters and preferably locked.



### TIP 19

#### AUDIO EQUIPMENT

Make sure all audio and sound equipment, including mic's, megaphones and loudspeakers, are maintained and functioning properly at all times.



### TIP 20

#### UP-TO-DATE RESOURCES & COMMUNICATION

Keep your congregation informed on any developments and changes in procedures and protocols of your place of worship. Resources such as First aid kits, high visibility jackets, torches, hazard and cordon tape, floor plans, 2-way communication devices should all be available and accessible. A Key Contacts poster should be displayed in the admin office and on communal notice boards.

