



SAFETY & SECURITY

Assunnah Muslims Association prides itself on providing a safe, welcoming environment for all people who enter through its doors. Whether an individual or family comes for the daily prayers, or participates in a program, meets with the Imam, or any other function - we want to ensure all members of our congregation feel safe and secure.

With rising levels of Islamophobia and heightened levels of tension in Canada, it is imperative for Islamic centres of all shapes and sizes to enhance their security systems. We have a dedicated team that is working diligently on this top priority. We call it the Health, Safety, Security, and Environment (HSSE) committee.

HSSE

Health, Safety, Security and Environment

THE NEED

Why partitions?

Masajid around the Western world, as seen recently in New Zealand and our neighbours from Quebec City, are not immune from hate-motivated incidents. This includes mass shootings, vandalism, acts of harm, and other forms of Islamophobia.

These incidents leads to distress, anxiety, and worry for our Muslim community. Despite the rise of Islamophobia around the world, our team is working hard to provide a sense of safety for our community members when they come to our masjid and centre.

hence the need to provide lockdown and evacuation training for our community.

Upgrading our security camera infrastructure: to ensure there are no blind spots in the masjid. When a potential offender knows their actions are being seen on camera, they are significantly less likely to follow through on their crime.

Engaging security professionals: with the expertise of licensed professionals, AMA will continue to improve its security best practices, manuals & procedures.

What we have shared is only an overview of the detailed action plan as security is a top priority for AMA. We will spare no effort to lower the probability of hate crimes, reduce our security vulnerabilities, and instill a calm sense of safety for all members for our congregation.

SOLUTION

Our HSSE team has developed and is implementing a 42-point action plan which includes but is not limited to:

Gunshot detection system: to alert our team of an active threat and to immediately take action to mitigate the threat, lockdown the building, contact the authorities and direct our community within the building to exit safely or hide in a safe space.

Security training for our personnel: so our front line volunteers and staff will be equipped with the knowledge on how to react in a variety of situations.

Lockdown & evacuation training: in addition to training our front line staff and volunteers, we are also in the process of preparing lockdown and emergency procedures & training for our community as whole.

We know an active threat can occur at any time, especially when we have larger crowds,

THE COST

The cost of our immediate security upgrades is \$130,000.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

AMA recognizes that the process of enhancing our security framework will take time and strategic allocation of funds. This is where you can help. We need your help in enabling AMA to invest funds into the hardware, software, and expertise required to implement our action plan.

We know of the great importance of security in our faith from a hadeeth of the Prophet (pbuh). Ibn Abbas narrated: "I heard the Messenger Allah (pbuh) saying, 'There are two eyes that shall not be touched by the Fire: An eye that wept from the fear of Allah, and an eye that spent the night standing on guard in the cause of Allah.'" (Tirmidhi)

Allah (SWT) tells us in the Qur'an of the tremendous reward for spending in His cause. Your support will provide thousands of Muslims the calm, safe environment they deserve when they come to Masjid ar-Rahmah.

"The example of those who spend in the way of Allah is just like a grain that produced seven ears, each ear having a hundred grains, and Allah multiplies (the reward) for whom He wills. Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing." (Surah Baqarah, Chapter 2, Verse 261)

May Allah reward you and accept your contributions towards the safety and security of His House and the well-being of our congregation.

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