

## **Safety & Security Guidelines**

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### **Scope & Objective**

The purpose of this document is to keep everyone aware of surroundings who are visiting the Masjid so that they may protect themselves and their dear ones. It also provides options and things to be cognizant of in case such emergency happens. (GOD Forbid)! As always let's make Dua that Allah Subhānahu Wa Ta'āla protects us and our families.

### **Types of Security Concern**

#### **Active Shooter:**

- 1 Find way to exit from either sister's side or brother's side whichever is free. Remember they are on opposite sides.
- 2 Find Places to hide.
  - Find a safe room and move towards that as soon as possible without making noise or panicking.
    - Safe room on sister's side is in basement as you come down the stairs immediately on left hand side.
    - Safe room on brother's side is in basement as you come down the stairs immediately on right hand side.
    - Make sure to blockade the room from inside with furniture etc.
  - If exit is available, exit building towards parking lot into car as soon as possible.
  - Hide in bathroom.
- 3 Put your phone on silent.
- 4 Call 911, multiple calls by multiple individuals is ok.
- 5 Warn others to stay away from Masjid and notify Masjid management and call @ 732-463-2004.
- 6 Last option may be to fight back i.e. attack the shooter as a group from all sides.
- 7 When law enforcement arrives, following need to be remembered.
  - When law enforcement reaches you, do not run at them or make sudden movements.
  - The priority of the first responders will be to identify the shooter. Law enforcement will need to ensure that you are not the shooter.
  - Do not scream, yell, point, or wave your arms.
  - Do not hold anything in your hands that could be mistaken for a weapon (including cell phones).
  - Be quiet and compliant.
  - Show the officers your empty hands and follow their instructions.
  - Give the number of shooters.
  - Give the location and physical description of the shooter.
  - Give the number and types of weapons.
  - When it is safe to do so, you will be given instructions as to how to safely exit your location.

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### **Bomb Threat:**

- 1 Any bomb threat made against Masjid either via phone call or email or graffiti should be immediately reported to Police. Depending on severity assumed either call 911 or Piscataway PD@732-562-1100.

### Unclaimed Bag

- 1 Any unclaimed bag pack on Masjid premises, call office staff from Office right away. If no one is in office, call Masjid @ 732-463-2004
- 2 If no one claims the bag 30mins after Salah/Program make announcement on Masjid sound system.
- 3 If still no one claims the bag call Piscataway PD @732-562-1100
- 4 Ask congregation to be cautious and calmly leave the place.

### **Fire:**

- 1 Call 911.
- 2 Ask congregation to calmly exit.

### **Precautions**

- 1 First to Masjid, wait in car until few more individuals arrive.
- 2 Keep your back pack within your eyesight at all times as it may be removed if not attended to.
- 1 Recommended to have multiple Jamat so brothers can take turns to keep an eye on Masjid.
- 2 Install Alert Apps on your phones which can be programmed to call and text law enforcement and your contacts.
- 3 PRESET TO 911 – Program and preset your phone to dial 911 from your home screen.
- 4 Samsung Galaxy phones have safety assistance feature: Settings > Quick Settings > Safety Assistance > Send Help Messages. Once the feature is turned on, you can send an SOS alert by pressing your phone's lock button three times. For iPhone, add 911 to favorites.

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