



Muslim Association of Lehigh Valley

Code of Conduct

Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) brought Allah's divine message to enlighten and instill civility and order in the Islamic Ummah. Our Islamic faith commands us to live orderly lives governed by the teachings of our faith, and to abide by rules and laws devised by our elected leaders, as long as those rules are not in violation of the spirit of our faith.

1. Only elected Executive Committee (EC) and/or Board of Trustees (BT) officers are to be contacted to act on issues brought to their attention by any community member. No one should expect an issue to be resolved or acted upon if it was not brought to these elected officers.
2. Under no circumstances, verbal or physical abuse to any community member by another member will be tolerated. Only proper channels are to be used to resolve any conflict among community members.
3. Proper dress **MUST BE** worn on the Center premises. No shorts are allowed for both men and women (including non-Muslims). All women and teenage-girls **MUST** wear head cover in the prayer hall and the customary Islamic attire for prayer. Guests to the Islamic center should be advised of the appropriate dress.
4. Cleanliness and neatness of the Center: every person must clean after him/her self after any use of any facility at the center. Every person is expected to maintain the Center to its highest standards.
5. During prayers, rows after the Imam should be in the following order men, young boys, young girls, then women.
6. Only qualified Muslim individuals should lead any prayer. If the Imam is present, he will lead the prayers. In his absence, the following could assume the Imam's responsibility in the given order: Dawaa Committee chairman, a present BT/EC member, or any member of those present designated by any one of those listed above.
7. Male/female interaction must be governed by Islamic principles and teachings and not necessary by cultural reasoning.
8. Any use of the center facilities such as the multipurpose hall, prayer hall, offices, kitchen, equipment...etc must be approved by the EC. No function can be conducted on the MALV premises without written approval of the EC.
9. Smoking is **NOT** allowed anywhere on the premises of the Islamic center.



10. General traffic regulations including parking must be followed on the MALV premises.
11. No profanities are tolerated on the MALV premises.
12. Non-Muslim visitors are expected to observe Islamic conduct. It is the responsibility of the host to ensure that no violation to the fundamentals of Islam takes place.
13. No abuse of any kind to elected or appointed officers will be tolerated. Abusers will be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with the MALV constitution including suspension of membership and expulsion.
14. No abuse of the facility will be tolerated. Any damage to the premises will be charged to those who cause the damage.
15. Children are to be supervised by parents. They are expected to refrain from screaming, running, jumping on furniture, or causing any harm to any property at the center. Should damage occur, parents will be held responsible.
16. No person(s) should assume any responsibility unless appointed by EC. No member should act in the capacity of an enforcer of any rule or code of conduct. Matters of violations of rules of conduct should be brought to the attention of any EC officer.
17. No fliers, petitions, unauthorized statements, or distribution of unauthorized literature will be permitted on the entire premises of the Islamic center, (including parking lots, playground, and weekend school).
18. Sales of food, clothing or any other items is not permitted on the premises of the Islamic center. However, such sales may be permitted at the discretion of the EC if they are to benefit the MALV.
19. Persons who fail to abide by the above guidelines will be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance to the MALV constitution, including suspension of membership or expulsion.
20. All members are expected to participate in energy conservation. For example, lights in unused rooms should be turned off, thermostats should not be tampered with, and use of hot water should be minimized.