

Islamic Teachings and the Law of the Land

The law of the land (UK law) allows you to worship freely and go about your business as a good Muslim. Islamic teachings require you to obey the law. From the list of laws below decide, as a Muslim, which of the laws you have to follow and which you do not. Remember to give your reason if you think you do not have to obey any laws listed below.

Law of the Land	Obey	Don't Obey (reason)
Wear a seatbelt in the car		
Not to abuse, hurt or insult anyone		
Not to discriminate against someone on the basis of age, gender, race or religion		
Not to sell cigarettes to people under the age of 16		
To attend school till the age of 16		
Not to drive a car without valid insurance		
To pay our taxes		
To be allowed to drink alcohol at the age of 18		
To be allowed to use certain drugs		

Islamic Guidance

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي
الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ

'Indeed God commands justice and kindness and giving relatives their rights and forbids shameful acts and evil and oppression...' (Surat al-Nahl 16:90)

'Hearing and obeying are the duties of a Muslim, both regarding what he likes and he dislikes, as long as he is not commanded to perform an act of disobedience to God, in which case he must neither hear nor obey.' (Bukhari)

'Love people as you love your own self. Are you not embarrassed to see that your neighbour respects your rights and you do not recognise and respect his rights?' (Al-Kafi)

Feedback

Lesson Title: Law and Order

Name:

Madrasah/Organisation:

Today I have learnt about:

As a result of this lesson I have learnt that a good Muslim should:

I am going to follow up this topic in my home/school/community by:

Follow-up Worksheet

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Name:

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Task:

As the headteacher of a madrasah, develop a set of rules to run your madrasah effectively. Think about protecting the rights of teachers, pupils and parents.