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## ***NON-MUSLIMS***

# **ENTERING MOSQUES**

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## Question:

We get requests for visits from local schools and community organisations to visit our Mosque? Is it permissible for Non-Muslims to enter the Mosques and what should be the recommended guidelines for such a visit?

Question, *as received*.

## Response:

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The query was deliberated amongst the Scholars at Department of *Dārul-Iftaa* ([Wifaqul Ulama](#)).

It should be emphatically stated from the outset that Mosques are houses of God, places of worship, sacred and worthy of utmost respect.

Having said that, it is our duty to show the beauty of Islam and to invite others to our magnificent religion. School and community visits to the Mosque can act as a catalyst and open the doors of guidance to someone entering *Islām*.

In the *Hanafī* school of Law<sup>1</sup>, it is permissible for Non-Muslims to enter a Mosque.

“There is nothing wrong with non-Muslims entering the Haram of Makka (al-Masjid al-Haram) and all other Mosques. This is the sound opinion in the Madhhab, as mentioned in al-Muhit of Sarakhsi.” (al-Fatawa al-Hindiyya, 5/346)<sup>2</sup>

It should be explained that the person entering a Mosque (whether Muslim or Non-Muslim) should follow certain guidelines as follows:

1. Modest dress code: Modesty is an integral part of *Islām* and all those entering the Mosque must be dressed appropriately;
2. Purity<sup>3</sup>: Islam places great emphasis on being free from physical and ritual impurities. This can be explained to the visitors by the local scholars or the Mosque committee;
3. Speech: Those inside the Mosque should behave appropriately by not engaging in futile discussions and/or raising voices because a Mosque is a house of worship and any behaviour which disrupts worship or distracts the worshippers is discouraged.

Further questions and queries regarding the visit may be referred to the appropriate (local) *Islāmīc* scholars or the Mosque committee.

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May *Allāh* preserve them all.

والله أعلم وعلمه أتم

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.askimam.org/public/question\\_detail/21867](http://www.askimam.org/public/question_detail/21867)

<sup>2</sup> <http://islamqa.org/hanafi/daruliftaa/7663>

<sup>3</sup> [87:14] He has certainly succeeded who purifies himself