CHARITABLE DONATIONS & RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Can I give to a charity organization without becoming a terror suspect?

Yes. You should continue to give money to the causes you believe in, but you should be careful in choosing which charities to support. For helpful tips, see Muslim Advocates’ guide on charitable giving at http://www.muslimadvocates.org/charities/.

Is it safe for me to practice my religion in religious institutions or public places?

Yes. Worshipping as you want is your constitutional right. You have the right to go to a place of worship, attend and hear sermons and religious lectures, participate in community activities, and pray in public. While there have been news stories recently about people being unfairly singled out for doing these things, the law is on your side to protect you.

What else can I do to be prepared?

You should keep informed about issues that matter to you by going to the library, reading the news, surfing the internet, and speaking out about what is important to you. In case of emergency, you should have a family plan—the number of a good friend or relative that anyone in the family can call if they need help, as well as the number of an attorney. If you are a non-citizen, remember to carry your immigration documents with you.

REFERRAL CONTACT INFO

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
(202) 244-2990
http://www.adc.org/

American Immigration Council (AIC)
(202) 507-7500
http://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
(202) 507-7600
http://www.aila.org/

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
(212) 966-5932
http://aaldef.org/

Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
(202) 488-8787
http://www.cair.com/

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
(213) 629-2512
http://www.maldef.org/

National Lawyers Guild (NLG)
(212) 679-5100
http://www.nlg.org/

National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
(213) 639-3900
http://www.nilc.org/

NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund (NAACP LDF)
(212) 965-2200
http://www.naacpldf.org/

National Immigration Project
(617) 227-9727
http://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/

Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)
(800) 328-2322
http://www.prldef.org/

South Asian American Leaders of Tomorrow (SAALT)
(301) 270-1855
http://www.saalt.org/

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (UCCR)
(800) 552-6843
http://www.usccr.gov/