

Muslim Student Campus Advisory

For anything below, please contact cairaustin@gmail.com

Hate Crimes

Race, Religion,
Ethnicity or National
Origin

- Contact your local law enforcement and/or campus police **IMMEDIATELY** and file a report.
- Write down all details, even if they seem irrelevant, including witness information.
- Take video/pictures when safe and possible.
- Contact your school administrators or counselors.
- If you continue to feel unsafe or in immediate danger, call local police and get a restraining order.

Safety Tips

- Go about your life's activities, but take reasonable precautions.
- Walk in groups at night. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Trust yourself and your instincts, if a situation feels wrong or unsafe - leave.
- If someone is berating or threatening you, keep your distance from them. Avoid allowing them to get close to you.
- Take threatening emails or messages **seriously**, report them to local police.
- Do not respond to anti-Muslim if you feel it may escalate a situation.

Bullying & Intimidation

- Contact your school administrators and talk to a counselor if any of the following happen:
 - -- **Religious intimidation** – you have a right to practice your religion freely
 - -- Suppression of free speech rights or your political opinions
 - -- Cyberbullying through social media or a website
 - -- Verbal threats
 - -- Emotional bullying like taunts and insults
 - -- **Cultural intimidation** – you have the right to assemble with peers and host cultural celebrations

Mental Health

- If the hate speech, fear for safety, or bullying and intimidation is affecting you psychologically or emotionally, **get in touch with your school's mental health offices or see a school counselor.**
- Discussing these issues with another in confidence can be healthy and improve your situation.

Intimidation by Law Enforcement

- You do not have to allow any law enforcement officer or agent to enter your home or office, unless they have a search warrant. Ask to see the warrant.
- You have the right to ask any law enforcement for a badge number, name, or other ID.
- You have a right to Miranda warnings if you are arrested. Note that anything you say to an agent or officer can be used against you in a court of law.
- You have a Constitutional right to remain silent.
- You have the right to have an attorney present when speaking to an agent. **This right is extended to both citizens and non-citizens, including student visa holders.**
- It is illegal for law enforcement to perform any stops, searches, detentions or removals **based solely on your race, national origin, religion, sex or ethnicity.**