



Visiting the Danbury Masjid

Here are a few pointers to better prepare you for your first visit to the Islamic Society of Western Connecticut/Danbury Masjid:

- 1) Welcome:** We are truly grateful to you for taking the time to reach out to us and to learn more about Muslims and the Islamic faith. It is best to contact the Imam before your arrival, and we will arrange to have someone guide you and walk you around the center.

- 2) Visiting during prayer time:** When a prayer is in session, you can make yourself comfortable and take a seat at the back of the room. If you wish, you may join in prayer by following along as well. A prayer in a masjid lasts for about 10-15 minutes. You may engage in discussion when the prayer is over.

- 3) Dress:** Visitors are requested to dress modestly in long, loose-fitting clothes. Wear shoes that are easy to put on and take off, as shoes are not allowed in most parts of the masjid.

- 4) Greetings:** Women meeting women may shake hands, hug and kiss on the cheeks. Men may also shake hands, hug, and kiss on the cheeks while meeting other men. (Depending on background, culture etc.) There is no physical interaction between the sexes.

- 5) Once at the mosque:** Remember to leave both your shoes and your inhibitions at the door. The front entrance (Main St.) is not used, so enter using the side door on Knapps Lane, from the parking lot. As soon as you enter you'll see a staircase that leads to the women's prayer area. For men, the entrance is on the right as soon as you enter. We're delighted to have you. Welcome!