

... وَأُظْفِي مِصْبَاحَكَ وَادْكُرِ اسْمَ اللَّهِ ...

*...Turn off your lamp and  
recite the name of Allah...*

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Many of you may have heard of The Grenfell Tower fire which occurred on 14 June 2017 at the 24-storey, 220-foot-high (67 m), Grenfell Tower block of public housing flats in North Kensington, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, West London. It caused at least 80 deaths and over 70 injuries. The fire started in a fridge-freezer on the fourth floor. The growth of the fire is believed to have been accelerated by the building's exterior cladding. Many friends and family were lost on this tragic day. Our condolences to those who lost their loved ones.

Just under a month later another horrifying fire incident took place in Bolton which killed a mother and her three young children. The fire was started after the youngsters tried to charge an iPad but accidentally switched on a halogen heater.

These incidents have opened eyes for all to take further safety precautions and it is important to ensure that we are prepared if incidents like these were to occur again. These are a few tips to ensure house safety which could potentially save a life.

1. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
2. Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
3. Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
4. Take care not to lean over hot hobs and keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
5. Be careful to keep the oven, hob, cooker hood and grill clean to avoid a build up of fat and grease, which could ignite and cause a fire.
6. Never put anything metal in the microwave.
7. Don't overload plug sockets.
8. Regularly check for frayed or worn cables and wires
9. If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

We hope this information was useful and we pray to Allah that he keeps us safe from all forms of danger and calamities, Ameen

# Humorous Anecdotes

*Reading the stories of fools allows the intelligent to appreciate the value of intelligence and be grateful to Allah for this blessing. They also allow the wise to identify and abstain from all causes and avenues of foolishness.*

**A man was ill and when his health began deteriorating further, he instructed his family members to fetch as many tambourines, flutes and other musical instruments they could lay their hands on. They discouraged him from engaging in such futility during his last moments, but he insisted, "I have heard that angels do not enter a home in which there are musical instruments. As the angel of death is also one of the angels, I will endeavour to repel him by means of these."**



**A Bedouin found a pair of trousers in a deserted open plain. He assumed that it was a robe and decided to take it for himself. But he did not know how to wear it. He cast it aside and fled. Somebody met him, and asked why he was running. He replied, "I found one of Shaitan's robes and I am afraid that he will reprimand me if he gets to know that I wanted to take it for myself."**

**A man had the need to perform ghusl one bitterly cold night. He did not like the idea of immersing himself into the icy water, so he looked around for a container in which he could warm it. Finding nothing, he removed his clothes, swam across the river and returned after borrowing a container. He then warmed the water therein and had a ghusl.**



**Ibn Josey relates that Abdaan Asadi would come to Ibn Bashr and say "Do you want 500 cash today or a 1000 tomorrow?" he would reply "A thousand tomorrow". The next day he would ask "Do you want a 1000 cash today or 2000 tomorrow". He would reply "2000 tomorrow". He kept on doing this until Ibn Bashr died.**

**May Allah give us all the ability to take heed and understand the above stories and protect us all from foolishness, Ameen.**



## Learn Something New

### Hadeeth

"If Salah has started, do not approach it running, but approach it walking, with calmness. Whatever you catch up with, pray, and what you miss, complete it." (Bukhari)

### Dua for on entering the masjid

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

"O Allah, open the doors of mercy." (Mishkat)

THE MASJIDS ARE FREE, BUT EMPTY,  
THE CLUBS ARE PAID, AND FULL,  
ITS FREE TO ENTER HEAVEN,  
BUT COSTLY TO ENTER HELL,

### Ask a scholar?

*The Prophet ﷺ said: Verily the cure for ignorance is to question.*

#### What are the virtues and importance of praying Salah in congregation?

1. Umar رضي الله عنه narrates from Rasulullah the virtue of offering Salah with congregation as being 27 times more rewarding than offering it alone.
2. Rasulullah ﷺ said "whatever time that is spent waiting for Salah will be regarded as though the person was actually in Salah".
3. Rasulullah ﷺ said "glad tiding to those who go to the masjid in the dark of the night in order to attend the congregation, that they will be bestowed with full light on the day of resurrection".
4. Rasulullah ﷺ said "the person who hears the adhaan and still does not attend the congregation without any valid excuse, then the Salah which he offers alone is not accepted" (in other word he will not gain the full reward. It does not mean that this fardh duty will not be considered to be fulfilled).

#### I had just ate and I had a bit of food in between my teeth, I then started Salah, is my Salah valid?

Eating or drinking anything in Salah, breaks the Salah. So much so that if a person picks up a sesame seed and eats it, his Salah breaks,. However, if a food particle was stuck in-between his teeth and he swallowed it, his Salah will break if that particle was larger or equal to a chick-pea. If it was less than a chick-pea, his Salah will not break.

Did you know

Birds need gravity to swallow!

Did you know

Cats have over 100 vocal chords!

Did you know

You burn more calories Sleeping than watching TV!

Did you know

There are 31,557,600 seconds in a year!

Did you know

If you filled a matchbox with gold it could be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court!

Did you know

Over 2,500 left handed people are killed a year from using right handed products!

## Jokes

1) What did the buffalo say to his son when he left for college?

Bison!!!

2) What do you call a British guy that goes to India for a taxi job?

Rick Shaw!!!

3) How does a train eat?

It goes chew chew!!!

4) What do you call a cow with no legs?

Ground beef!!!

5) What's the best thing about living in Switzerland?

I don't know but the flag is a big plus!!!

6) I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day.

7) Why do the French like to eat snails so much?

They can't stand fast food!!!

8) Why did the balloon go near the needle?

He wanted to be a pop star!!!

# Word Search!

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**Well done, keep up the good work**

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- Eid-UI-Adha holidays 17/08/2017
- GCSE/GCE Results

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