

10 Things You Can Do to Support our Muslim Neighbors



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1. **Smile and be friendly.** Muslims experience daily stares, whispers, harsh words and distrust in public places, so a smile and a friendly word can go a long way to helping them feel safe and welcome.
2. **Be an ally.** As a bystander, intervene if you see someone being mistreated. Stand up, speak up and offer support - and afterwards be sure to report it to the [PA Human Relations Commission](#) (PHRC).
3. **Educate your family, co-workers and friends.** Don't let ignorant, hateful comments slide - even on social media! [Click Here to End Hate](#) provides guidance on counteracting anti-Muslim bigotry online.
4. **Talk with your children** about the importance of standing up for Muslim classmates who are being bullied at school.
5. **Write a letter/card of support to local mosques.** Have your children include "glad you're our neighbor" cards addressed to the Muslim children at the mosques.
6. **Write an op-ed or letter to the editor.** We need many voices speaking out in solidarity with our Muslim neighbors and friends. PennLive's guidelines for submission are [here](#).
7. **Visit a Masjid, a mosque,** to learn about Muslim faith and practice and build relationships. Explore opportunities to fellowship together or work together on a community project.
8. **Show your support by hanging a banner or sign** at your home, workplace, community center or place of worship. "Hate Has No Business Here" posters are available [here](#), and you can also sign their statement!
9. **Volunteer to go shopping with Muslim women.** Women especially are being targeted in public places, so consider volunteering to accompany a Muslim woman to do her shopping.
10. **Host an educational forum.** Getting accurate information to people is so important, so consider hosting an educational forum in your home, workplace, community center or place of worship.