
Smoking in the Masjid

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: In our Masjid (mosque), there is an alarm system and the workers in charge are of the Civil Defense who work for twenty four hours and smoke in a room adjacent to the Masjid. Kindly advise them, may Allaah reward you the best.

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: It is not permissible to smoke in Masjids or any rooms adjacent to them, for smoking is Haraam (prohibited) and smoking in the Masjid is even worse. The Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade whosoever ate garlic or onion from entering the Masjid, what about smoking in it? It is well-known that onion and garlic are lawful foods but they have detestable smell, so the Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade whoever ate them from entering the Masjid until the smell goes away.

If the person who eats onion and garlic does not enter the Masjid, how about a person who smokes cigarettes, which are Haraam and harmful to them, their family, and whoever inhales its smoke? Such workers should avoid smoking in the room adjacent to the Masjid. They should give up smoking anywhere and at anytime, because it is prohibited and evil. It poses harm to them with regard to their religion, life, health, and economy; it is an utter evil. We ask Allaah to grant guidance to all.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him