

## **CHILDREN ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AMANAH FROM ALLAH ﷺ.**

**“Each of you is a shepherd and will be questioned regarding his flock. “Fear Allah, stay close to your children, raise them well and protect them from evil”. “There should be no harm” (Ibn Majah – Bukhari)**

**Children are our future and thus they deserve protection in every form. Children are innocent and trust those around them. They have feelings, experience pain and humiliation. Easily manipulated, can be scarred and damaged for life by sexual abuse. Children need to feel safe and loved.**

**UK Statistics: 200 child sex offences occur EVERY DAY.**

**73,518 offences rape, grooming and sexual assault against children 2020**

**MOST VICTIMS EXPERIENCE IT IN THEIR HOMES OR PLACE OF TRUST**

**618,000 women are raped or sexually assaulted every year**

**5 Million women have been raped or sexually assaulted – by age of 16**

**So much Darkness and Evil around us and Within us. You may ignore it or dismiss it because you assume it will never happen to you. But it should not happen to anyone’s child, daughter, sister or woman.**

## **Islam Commands Us To Protect Our Gaze, Private Parts & Have Limits.**

**“Command the believers to lower their gaze and to protect their privates”**

**“Do not even go close to fornication. It is indeed a shameful act, and an evil way to follow” (17:32)**

**“No man is alone with a woman but the shaytan is the third one present.”**

**“The nail of iron to be driven in the head of one of you would be better for him than to touch a woman who is not lawful for him.”**

**“Oh my slaves, indeed I have made oppression unlawful upon Myself and I have made it unlawful between you so do not oppress one another.”**

**“Fear the supplication of an oppressed person for indeed there is no veil between him and Allah.” (Bukhari)**

**Indeed when people see an oppressor but do not prevent him from (doing evil), it is likely that Allah will punish them all.”(Abu Dawud)**

**Children are the weakest of society, unable to defend themselves or seek help, Allah has entrusted us with their care. An elderly woman was assaulted by some youth, The Prophet ﷺ attributed blame and responsibility to the whole community, “How can Allah purify any people (of sin) when they do not protect their weak against their strong?”**

**ABUSE** occurs within all communities, Muslim communities are not exempt. Often things are swept under the carpet. But this is not Islam or Humanity. People assume Sexual Abuse is a minor thing, so it should be concealed due to the honour of families and impact on community. Civil Offense Vs Criminal Offence. Sexual abuse is a **MAJOR** sin in Islam, we have a duty to prevent it, stop it & report it.

### **ALLAH OBLIGES ALL MUSLIMS TO STAND UP AGAINST ZULM/INJUSTICE**

‘Believers, stand up for justice as Allah witnesses, even if it is against yourselves, your parents or your relatives, regardless of whether a person is wealthy or poor, Allah has more right to your loyalty than they. Therefore, do not follow your desire instead of being just. If you distort the truth or refuse testimony then remember, Allah is aware.’ (4:135)

“Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart, and that is the weakest of faith.’ (Muslim)

Allah well knows the covert glance and all what lies hidden in the hearts. (40:19) This day We will set a seal on their mouths, and their hands will speak out to Us and their feet will bear witness to their deeds. (36:65)