

Recommendations for a good coexistence between neighbours

festivals and religious events at home during the COVID-19 pandemic

To respect neighbours' daily routine, do not make noise, so as not to disturb them during rest hours, especially at night or early morning. Avoid speaking, praying or singing in a loud voice, as well as using electronic devices, such as music players, TV, toys and any noise that could be the cause of noise disturbance

Use headphones if you wish to listen to music, the radio, watch TV or join the act of worship through social media

Use a blanket or carpet to sound proof the floor during family gatherings to pray or dance, and try not to bang the walls and floors

Avoid doing anything at night or early morning that can be done during the daytime

When possible, do not use domestic appliances, for instance, the dishwasher, the extractor hood or the washing machine at night-time

It is necessary to inform the president of the apartment block and immediate neighbours about the celebrations that you are carrying out in order to help them to be aware of the change of routine during the festivity

In case of conflict:

If there is any occasional tension or conflict, try to speak with neighbours to help them to understand that you are carrying out a religious service. This should be when the situation has calmed down

Remember that this is a temporary and complex situation for everyone, and each person can experience it differently

In addition, you can consult with the town hall mediation service

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