



Common Muslim American Head Coverings

Followers of the Islamic faith are called Muslims. Some Muslim women cover their head, based on religious belief and the Islamic injunction to dress modestly. They may wear a full head covering or *hijab*, or a simple scarf over their hair. Some Muslim men wear a skullcap or *kufi* based on religious tradition.

Points to Keep in Mind when searching someone wearing a Muslim Head Covering:

- Show Respect.
- Explain why you need to conduct search.
- Offer private room for search, if available.
- Searches should be done by members of the same sex.
- Review applicable policies and procedures for more information.

