

THE YEAR-END PARTY

Intended to foster team spirit and loyalty, it must be done within the bounds of morality and religious parameters.

The Shari'ah ruling on Haraam where alcohol is consumed, intermingling of the sexes and Haraam food is served cannot be compromised.

Vegetable soup may contain meat stock, white wine in fish dishes, brandy flaming for "richness," desserts, cake and ice cream could have pork gelatine, rum and wine are used as flavourings etc. There are also problems on contamination with non-Halaal products including the use of pig bristle brushes for basting, lard-based pan grease agents for baking utensils and so on; a veritable minefield.

Do not rely on assurances such as, "*Halaal Friendly*", "*Our chicken is Halaal*", "*Our meat is purchased from a Halaal butcher*," etc. The responsibility of consuming Halaal is yours.

Call us for a list of certified restaurants and caterers.

P.S. Our offices will remain closed between the 24th December 2009 and the 4th January 2010