

Hilchos Shabbos Initiative

Carrying Items

Is it permissible to walk outside with a pebble in one's shoe?

One should remove any pebbles from one's shoes before walking outside.

May a woman wear a watch outside on Shabbos?

L'chatchila, a woman may only wear a watch outside if she considers it to be a piece of jewelry to the extent that she would theoretically wear the watch even if it was broken. If a woman is not sure if it is permissible for her to wear the watch outside or not, she should ask herself, "Is my watch truly a piece of jewelry? Would I put on this watch even if it was broken?" A man should not wear a watch outside on Shabbos.

May a woman wear a necklace concealed under her clothing?

Sometimes, when one puts on clothing, one mistakenly puts the clothing on top of a necklace. However, one should not wear a necklace under one's clothing when walking in a R'shus HaRabim (public domain) because if the necklace is not visible, it does not serve any function and may be considered Hotzaah (carrying). Therefore, one should be careful when getting dressed to ensure that the necklace remains visible on top of the clothing.

If one is wearing a shirt and a sweater, and the necklace is lying on top of the shirt but is at times covered by the sweater, it is not a problem.

If the button on one's garment is attached too loosely to be effective for fastening, may one wear the garment outside on Shabbos?

In this case, it is preferable not to wear the garment outside. If the presence of the button enhances the appearance of the garment, it is permitted. However, if one has no other garment to wear, a conscious declaration should be made that this button will not be used to fix the garment after Shabbos. Since this button will not be used again to fix the garment, it becomes battul (insignificant) and it is permissible to wear the garment. הוצאה

The Chofetz Chaim writes in the name of R' Yonasan Eibishitz that if one does not learn Hilchos Shabbos very well, it is impossible not to be עובר on a forbidden act on Shabbos.