

5241 - The girl took some pills from her mother's pocket and swallowed them

the question

A woman is saying that her little daughter put her hand in her pocket and took some pills without her mother realizing. She swallowed them and died because of that. Her mother was awake but did not realize that she had taken the pills, and thought that she was only playing. What is the ruling on this, and does the mother have to pay any diyah (blood money) or offer kafaarah (expiation)?

Detailed answer

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen, may Allaah preserve him, who replied as follows:

The mother has to take good care of her daughter.

Question: but she was not paying attention.

Answer: she does not have to do anything (diyah or kafaarah).

And Allaah knows best.