

Islam Question & Answer

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the question

What is the ruling on a woman travelling without a mahram because her work requires that of her?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is haraam because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "No woman should travel without a mahram." This was narrated by Ahmad from the hadeeth of 'Abd-Allaah ibn 'Abbaas (may Allaah be pleased with him) in his Musnad. Even if her work requires that of her, we say that if she cannot find a mahram then she should not travel.