

## 7 - Prayer starts and person needs to go to bathroom

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### the question

If prayer starts (i.e. the iqama is called) and the person feels the call of nature, what should he do?

### Detailed answer

He should go to the restroom and tend to the call of nature even if this means he will miss the jama'at (congregational prayer). The evidence: Abullah Bin Arqam said, "The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: 'If one of you needed to go to the restroom and the salaah starts, he should start with the restroom.' "<sup>1</sup>

From the book What Should You Do in the Following Situations... ?

<sup>1</sup> Abu Dawood 88 and Sahih al-Jaami' 373.