



When Two Men on The Road is Enough

12. In some instances, it is permissible for two men to be alone with a woman while on the road. An example of this is when they are traveling during the daytime on a road where other people or cars pass by regularly. (*Dvar Halachah siman 9* note 16; *Shevet Halevi* vol. 5, 202:1)

13. It is also permissible for two men to be alone with one woman on a road provided that there are places to use the restroom at regular intervals, such as rest areas or gas stations. In this case, there is no concern that the group will stop in the middle of the road for one of the men to use the facilities because he can simply wait until they get to the next rest stop [where it will not be *yichud* because it is public]. (*Yesod Hataharah – Yichud* 62)

14. So too, if they are traveling only a very short distance it can be assumed that none of them will need to stop for the restroom during the trip. Therefore, it is permissible for one woman to be alone with two men for this short trip. (*Malbushei Mordechai siman 7* note 2; *Yesod Hataharah* *ibid.*)

(The halachos of *yichud* in a car will be discussed separately.)

