



When there's a Reason to Inquire

9. One is permitted to ask a member of the opposite gender about their well-being or personal matters when **there is a specific reason to do so**, and **only as much as necessary**. The reason for this is that in this case it is apparent to the person being questioned that the inquiry is solely due to that specific reason – and not of a personal, relationship-based nature.

(*Avnei Mishpat* and *Kerem Shlomo*, cited in *Otzar Haposkim* 21:48-50; *Shulchan Haezer* 3:4)
