



Indirect Inquiries

14. Many *poskim* maintain that the prohibition against inquiring about personal matters from a member of the opposite gender applies both directly and indirectly (i.e., by asking someone else about them). Even a man asking a man for information about a woman is forbidden. The reason for this is because the subject of the inquiry may discover that they were inquired about, which can lead to a personal relationship with the inquirer.

(Shulchan Aruch EH 21:6; Beis Shmuel and Chelkas Mechokek ad loc)