

Handing Over an Object

14. It is halachically permitted for an unrelated man or woman to hand an object to one another when necessary. Nevertheless, the *poskim* write that a *yarei Shamayim* should avoid doing so in a direct manner. Instead, one should place the object down and the other should pick it up. (*Mechaber* and *Rema* EH 21:5; *Beis Shmuel* 9; *Aruch Hashulchan* 7; *Levushei Mordechai* EH 1, 49:1)

15. When the object being passed is small – e.g., coins, keys, a USB, etc. – one should be more stringent and avoid direct passing, as it is more common that physical contact is made.

16. In an instance when an object must be passed directly, one should take special care to avoid physical contact, especially when the object is small.