



### The Reason for the Prohibition

4. The reason for this prohibition is because seeing a part of a woman's body that is usually covered can lead a person to have improper thoughts. Therefore, it is given the status of "ervah" and it is forbidden to recite *brachos* or any other *devarim sheb'kedushah* in front of an *ervah*. (Mishnah Berurah 75:1)

5. For this reason, the *poskim* explain that even if a part of the body isn't inherently an *ervah*, if seeing it leads to impure thoughts, one should not daven when it is visible. (Shu"t Chasam Sofer CM 130; Igros Moshe OC 4:15; Minchas Shlomo vol. 3, 103:15,

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