



Details of the Prohibition

1. A man may not pass between two women. The primary reason for this is that it endangers all three: the man and both women. (*Horios 13b and Pesachim 111a; Shulchan Aruch HaRav, Hilchos Shemiras Haguf V'hanefesh 9; Elyah Rabbah 3:11; Chut Shani EH 21*)
2. A woman may not pass between two men for the same reason, i.e., it endangers all three. (*Chut Shani 21; Shu"t Mishnas Yosef 6:3*)
3. One should be stringent and even avoid walking between two non-Jewish women. (*Maharsham 4:148*)

(See the following emails regarding which circumstances do and do not permit passing.)