

AL-ISLAM FATWA BANK - (Marital issues)

Title of Fatwa	Using a Condom to Have Intercourse with a Menstruating Wife
Topic Of Fatwa	Sexual Relations Between Husband and Wife
Question of Fatwa	Dear scholars, As-Salamu `alaykum. Is it allowed for couples to have sex using a condom during the wife's menstrual period, if it is agreeable to both? Jazakum Allah khayran.
Name of Mufti	Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi
Content of Reply	<p>Wa `alaykum As-Salamu wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh.</p> <p>In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.</p> <p>All praise and thanks are due to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon His Messenger.</p> <p>Dear brother in Islam, we would like to thank you for the great confidence you place in us, and we implore Allah Almighty to help us serve His cause and render our work for His Sake.</p> <p>In Islam, men are not allowed to engage in sexual intercourse with their wives during their monthly periods. Allah says in the Qur'an, "They question thee (O Muhammad) concerning menstruation. Say: It is an illness, so let women alone at such time and go not in unto them till they are cleansed." (Al-Baqarah: 222). This interdict from Allah applies only to sexual intercourse, whether with or without a condom.</p> <p>In his response to the question, Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi, former President of the Islamic Society of North America states:</p> <p>"Sexual intercourse with or without a condom is <i>haram</i> (unlawful) when a woman has her menstrual period. Allah says in the Qur'an: "They question thee (O Muhammad) concerning menstruation. Say: It is an illness, so let women alone at such time and go not in unto them till they are cleansed. And when they have purified themselves, then go in unto them as Allah hath enjoined upon you. Truly Allah loveth those who turn unto Him, and loveth those who have a care for cleanness." (Al-Baqarah: 222)</p> <p>During menses it is permissible for the couple to be close to each other and enjoy intimacy but there must not be any sexual intercourse (<i>jima`</i>)."</p> <p>Excerpted, with slight modifications, from: http://pakistanlink.com/religion.html</p>

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	<p>It also should be highlighted here that women are not unclean during their menstrual periods or post-partum bleeding. They do not have to stay in separate quarters or eat from separate dishes apart from their husbands, as was the case with the ancient Jews. They can retain their normal daily interactions and intimacies with the exception of sexual intercourse.</p>
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