

פסקין הלכה

RE: Reflectors on שבת

Please read this page very carefully

Q: Are reflectors מותר to be worn on שבת?

A: Yes. Preferably as a belt – remove your coat belt and replace it with the reflector. Only one belt per garment is allowed.

Q: Is it מותר to be worn as a sash across the chest?

A: There are גוזלי הפסיקים who hold it's מותר, but a belt is preferable, since a belt is מלבוש according to all הפסיקים.

Q: Which one of the following closures is most preferable – Velcro, tying, or a buckle?

A: A buckle, since it can be adjusted to fit well, but all are מותר as long as they are securely fitted so that they won't fall off.

Q: What is the הלכה if my coat has no loops?

A: It is מותר, as long as the reflector fits securely.

Q: What is the הלכה if my coat normally has no belt?

A: It is just as well, as long as it is worn in the above fashion (as the only belt, and fits securely.)

Q: What if my coat has a belt stitched on (not just buttoned on) to it already?

A: Leave the coat belt untied and close only the reflector, making it the only functioning belt.

(ע"י מ"ב ש"א ס"ק קל"ה)

Q: What if I am not wearing a coat; may I wear the reflector over my suit jacket?

A: Yes – as a belt. One belt is permitted per garment.

(NOTE: If you are already wearing a גרטל, consult your ב"ד. Ed: This is relevant regarding a kittel too)

Q: In general, is there any difference which street I am on, such as a well-lit street where a reflector is not so necessary?

A: There is no difference; it is just like any other belt.

Q: What is the הלכה if after I place the reflector through the buckle there is an extra piece of the reflector hanging down?

A: It is מותר as it is considered מלבוש.

Q: Is it מותר to wear a fluorescent reflector on שבת day even if my intention is to have it for מוצאי שבת?

A: Yes, it is מותר, as the only belt.

Q: Are there any other points that I should be aware of?

A: Yes. Be careful to put on the reflector while still inside a house and not to remove it until you are again inside a house. (בצ"ה: Do the same during the week so that you should not make a mistake on שבת.)

(וע"ע בקונט' מרגניתא טבא שבסו"ס אהבת חסד או' ל')

Q: What is the הלכה regarding the self-adhesive reflective strips on שבת?

A: If they are stuck on well it is מותר, as they are מלבול to the garment.

הרב דוד פינשטיין has reviewed and verbally agreed to all the הלכות on this page. He has also written us a תשובה permitting reflector belts to be worn on שבת.

If you have any questions, please contact your רב or any of the רבנים signed above.

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