

## Windows Between Neighbours Regarding Privacy

Ref: *Sefer Kinyan, Hilchot Shechenim, Chapter 7*

The principle here is to protect the privacy of people i.e. a neighbour should not be able to peer into the home of his colleague.

It also depends what the window is used for i.e. airing, light etc.

	<i>Allowed</i>	<i>Disallowed</i>
Wishes to leave open a window which was opened before someone else made an adjacent courtyard	✓	
Owner of courtyard wishes to build wall in front of colleague's window	✓ must leave <b>4 amah</b> space for light	
Wishes to build a wall which will not extend into the area of <b>4 amah</b> below colleague's window	✓	
Top of neighbours wall less than <b>4 amah</b> from window		✓ Because neighbour could stand on wall and look through window
Owner of house wishes to build window more than <b>4 amah</b> above ground overlooking courtyard		✓ Because he can stand on a ladder to look out window
Neighbour requests that a window should be moved to another place on the wall	✓ if colleague will benefit and he will not lose	✓ if neighbour will lose in any way