

## 14321 - Does Changing Clothes Break Wudu?

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### the question

If I change my dress, do I break my wudu? Is there any difference in this rule between a woman and a man?

### Summary of answer

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### What breaks wudu

The [things that break wudu](#) are:

- Any [discharge](#) from the front or back passage (urine, stools, wind, etc.), except for [wind emitted from a woman's front passage](#) – that does not break wudu.
- [Emission of urine or stools](#) from anywhere other than the urethra or anus.
- Losing one's mind, which may mean losing it altogether by losing one's mental faculties, which is insanity, or by losing it temporarily for a certain length of time for

some reason such as sleep, unconsciousness, intoxication, etc.

- **Touching one's penis** , because of the hadith of Basrah bint Safwan, who heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say: "Whoever touches his penis, let him do wudu." (Narrated by Abu Dawud, al-Taharah, 154. al-Albani said in Sahih Sunan Abi Dawud, no. 166, it is sahih)
- **Eating camel meat** , because of the hadith of Jabir ibn Samurah, who said that a man asked the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), "Should we do wudu after eating camel meat?" He said, "Yes." (Narrated by Muslim, al-Hayd, 539).

It should be noted that **touching a woman's body does not break one's wudu** , whether that is done with feelings of desire or otherwise, unless anything is emitted as a result of that touching." (See al-Sharh al-Mumti' by Ibn 'Uthaymin, vol. 1, p. 219-250) (Fatawa al-Lajnah al-Daimah, vol. 5, p. 264)

And Allah knows best.