

# Fruits for the Week

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## **BEHAVIOUR ON THE STREET**

Roads, streets, and lanes are public property. The rules of behaviour in these places are of great importance. Observing these rules indicates civilization and progress, violating them indicates backwardness.

1. The main principle which govern the behaviour of the individual on the road is to avoid harming or disturbing others.
2. Keeping roads tidy and clean is the responsibility of every member of the society.
3. The road is not a place of sitting or meeting, so using it in this way should be avoided.
4. Violating the rules of Islam on the roads and streets of an Islamic country is a grave matter that has repercussions for the community. So it is a Muslim's duty, if he sees something objectionable to disapprove it and to recommend what is reputable, provided that he does so in conformity with Islamic teachings and expresses himself with wisdom, restraint and good manners.
5. Guiding those who are lost and seeking direction, helping the old or invalid, as an Islamic duty and reflects good manners.
6. Removing anything which could be injurious or offensive or which causes annoyance to people on their ways, is an Islamic duty.
7. Thinking ill of others one sees or meets on the road is un-Islamic conduct. A Muslim should think well of others.
8. Returning greetings on the road is one of the rules of courtesy.
9. Men and women should avoid mingling along the road. To stare at a woman on the road after the first glance is forbidden. So a man should lower his gaze or turn it aside.
10. To offer a lift to those who do not have their own vehicles is recommended.
11. When using public transport, A Muslim should confine himself to speaking only when necessary and in a subdued voice, refrain from smoking, or otherwise being a nuisance to fellow travellers.
12. Crowding and rushing onto public vehicles is not civilized conduct. Shouting when approaching someone on the road from behind is bad behaviour. It is better to come nearer to him before speaking.
13. Eating while walking along the road or street is considered un-Islamic behaviour.
14. A Muslim's manner of walking along the road is a part of his Islamic personality; it expresses to others and conveys to himself certain sentiments and attitude. Walking, therefore, should conform to certain guidelines.

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