Human Dignity (Kavod HaBriot)

Although human dignity (*kavod ha'briot*) cannot override *Torah* commandments, *kavod ha'briot* allows violating some *d'rabanan* laws in order to avoid embarrassment.

EXAMPLES

- Tearing Toilet Paper

  SITUATION You need to use toilet paper on *Shabbat* but none is torn.
  WHAT TO DO You may tear some toilet paper using any non-standard method or change from the normal way (*shinu'i*), such as not using your hand, or dropping something on the paper.

- Hearing Aid

  SITUATION You may speak to someone who uses a hearing aid on *Shabbat* to avoid embarrassing him or her.

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