## Asking Non-Jew To Do Melacha D'Rabanan

You may directly instruct or ask a non-Jew to do melacha d'rabanan for you on Shabbat, but only:

- To prevent a large financial loss.
  - **NOTE** A large loss is subjective to the individual's actual wealth and also to that person's perception of what is a large loss. Consult a *rabbi*.
- For *Shabbat* needs.

EXAMPLE	You may ask a non-Jew to unlock an electric hotel door or trigger an entrance
	door on Shabbat, since this is for a Shabbat need and the action is not
	prohibited <i>d'oraita</i> .
SITUATION	A new guest arrives and you need the space on the table occupied by your
	Shabbat candlesticks.
WHAT TO DO	You may not move the candlesticks, but you may ask a non-Jew to do so.
SITUATION	You left a non-muktza item that you now need for Shabbat on a tree branch (or
	a child left one in a tree house!).
WHAT TO DO	You may not climb the tree to retrieve the item, but you may ask a non-Jew to
EXAMPLE	retrieve it. You may ask a non-Jew to turn on air conditioning.
EXAMPLE	You may ask a non-Jew (directly, no need to hint) to turn off a light if it
	interferes with someone's sleeping.
	• To allow doing a <i>mitzva</i> .
	• For other pressing (and certainly for life-threatening) needs, such as
	health, even if the person not sick.
NOTE	All of these are <i>d'rabanan</i> cases!

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