# Accidental or Intentional

The ideal and preferred means of observing or fulfilling a *halacha* is called *l'chatchila*. Sometimes the *halacha's* requirements may be fulfilled *b'di'avad* (after the fact) under less-than-ideal circumstances.
You may not intentionally do an action at the *b'diavad* level if you are able to do it at the *l'chatchila* level.

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