

Using company phone for personal purpose

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is it permissible to use the phone of a company for personal purposes? May Allaah reward you.

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Ferkous al-Qoobee: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers until the Day of Resurrection:

One has to ask for the administration's permission concerning using the company's phone in personal calls that are beyond the administration's interest. So, if it forbids him, it is therefore not permissible to act freely in the property of others except under permission, according to his saying صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: **"The wealth of a Muslim is not permissible except when he gives it whole-heartedly himself."**¹, and his saying صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: **"All things of a Muslim are inviolable for his brother in faith: his blood, his wealth and his honour"**². And the moral person (i.e. the company or the institution) is concerned by the same ruling as the natural person. However, if one has an urgent need and has no other alternative except it (the company's phone); so in this case it is permissible for him to use it according to the need and without transgression, pursuant to the jurisprudential rule that says: "Need is considered as necessity".

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ; and our last prayer is all the praises and thanks are to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers of Allaah are to Muhammad and his Family, Companions and Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

¹ Reported by Ahmad (20695) and by Al-Baihaqee (11545), from the hadeeth of Haneefah Ar-Raqaashee رضي الله عنه. This hadeeth is judged authentic by Al-Albaanee in "Saheeh Al-Jaami'" (7662).

² Reported by Muslim (2564) from the hadeeth of Aboo Hurairah رضي الله عنه.