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Using Miswak in the Masjid

Third question from Fatwa no. 2432

Q: I hear people saying that using Miswak (tooth-cleansing stick) in the Masjid is impermissible. Is this true?

A: Using the Miswak is an affirmed act of Sunnah. It should be used when necessary upon performing Wudu' (ablution), Salah, reciting the Qur'an, changing the mouth smell, etc. It may be used inside or outside the Masjid, as no text supports the prohibition of using it inside the Masjid while it is necessary. Moreover, it finds further support in the general meaning of the following Hadith, ("Were it not for the fear that it might be hard for my Ummah (nation), I would have ordered them to use Miswak for every Salah.") However, a person should be careful not to overdo the Miswak in the Masjid lest they should vomit or bleed in the Masjid.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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