111904 - Does Dry Impurity Transfer?

the question

If a child urinates on the bed then I sit on this bed after it has dried, do my clothes become Najis (impure)?

Summary of answer

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Detailed answer

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Impurity is only transmitted if it is wet. So if the impurity is wet or the hand of the one who touches it is wet, then it is transmitted as a result.

Shaykh Salih Al-Fawzan (may Allah preserve him) said:

“If a person touches a wet impurity, then he must wash whatever of it touched his body , because the impurity has been transmitted to it. But if the impurity is dry, then he does not have to wash the part of the body that came in contact with it, because it is not transmitted to him.” (Al-Muntaqa)

Shaykh `Abdullah ibn `Abd Ar-Rahman Al-Jibrin (may Allah preserve him) was asked:

Does dried urine not make clothes impure? i.e., if a child urinates on the ground and the urine remains there until it dries without being washed off, then someone comes and sits on the urine when it has dried, does his garment become impure?

He replied:

“Touching dry impurity does not affect the body or dry clothes, and it does not matter if one enters a dry washroom with dry feet, because the impurity is only transmitted when it is wet.” (Fatawa Al-Mar’ah Al-Muslimah, 1/194)

And Allah knows best.