10142 - Can a Father Kiss His Daughter in Islam?

the question

Is it permissible for a man to kiss his daughter when she has grown up and has passed the age of puberty, whether she is married or not and whether the kissing is on her cheek or mouth etc.? If he kisses her, what is the ruling?

Summary of answer

There is nothing wrong with a man kissing his daughter, whether she is big or small, without desire, so long as that is on her cheek. Kissing on the mouth may provoke sexual desire, it is better and safer not to do that.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

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There is nothing wrong with a man kissing his daughter, whether she is big or small, without desire, so long as that is on her cheek, if she is grown up, because of the report that Abu Bakr al-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him) kissed his daughter `A'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) on the cheek.

When is Kissing Considered Inappropriate in Islam?

Because kissing on the mouth may lead to provocation of sexual desire, it is better and safer not to do that.

Can a daughter kiss her father in Islam?

Similarly the daughter may kiss her father on the nose or head without desire. But if there is any feeling of desire, then it is prohibited for either of them to do that, so as to avoid Fitnah (temptation) and ward off the means that may lead to evil actions.

And Allah knows best.