

“The Torah teaches us that even by sitting at home doing nothing, by complete passivity and divorcement from society, one cannot shake off responsibility for what is transpiring in the world at large, for the iniquity, violence and evil there. By not protesting, “not marking the graves” and danger spots, you have become responsible for any harm arising therefrom, and have violated the prohibition: Thou shalt not put a stumbling block before the blind. . . .”

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* In (Aryeh Newman, tr.) *Studies in Vayikra* (Jerusalem: World Zionist Organization, 1980, 1983), p. 178. According to the *Sefer haHinnuch*, Volume III: Leviticus, Part 2 (New York: Feldheim Publishers, 1984), pp. 56-59: “The root reason for the precept is . . . it serves to improve society and order its communal life. . . .” The precept is binding everywhere, at all times, for both men and women.