



Finding Safe Shelter During Rocket Alerts: Decision-Making Tree

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Context: **You're in an enclosed structure when an incoming rocket alerts (tzeva adom) activates.**

*You might be at home, at a friend's house, at work, or simply doing an errand. **How should you prioritise your choice of shelter?** These are HFC's recommendations.*

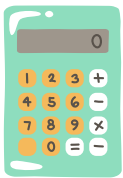


Figure Out
Or Know

Can you reach **any of the following**
within the warning period? (1)

Mamad

(Apartment Safe Room)

Miklat

(Public Shelter)

Mamam

(Building Safe Room)

YES

NO

1

See: Shelter Option 1
(Go to closest one ASAP)

Is there a stairwell in the building
you're in?

YES

NO

2

See: Shelter Option 2
Choose the best stairwell available

See: Shelter Option 3
(Find best unprotected room)

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Shelter In A Designated Protected Space

A professionally “protected” space is the Home Front Command’s “priority 1” recommendation for where to shelter if one is available. Although they don’t specify this explicitly in the guidelines, it seems logical to **choose the closest option which you know to be accessible (hopefully your home)**. Regardless of whether you have a *mamad* or not, you should familiarise yourself with the nearest public shelters to your building *before an emergency*, check how to get there, and verify that they’re open when required to be.

Their locations can be found on the website of your iriyah (municipality).

Sheltering In A Building Stairwell

IF

Your Building Has
3 Stories Or More

Your Building Has
Less Than 3 Stories

2

THEN

Choose a stairwell with
at least 2 floors above it

Shelter in the
middle floor stairwell

In all situations, try to find a stairwell without **windows, openings, or external walls**.
If you have to choose a stairwell with a window, distance yourself from it and crouch beneath the window line.

Consider placing chairs in your building’s stairwells for the benefit of elderly residents.

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Sheltering In An Unprotected Room

If you cannot access a protected space and you are in a building without a stairwell, as a last resort, **identify your best option among the “regular” (non-mamad) rooms in the property**.

Shelter there, keeping below the window line if there is one in the room.

There are two sets of guidelines for choosing this space below:

- ✗ Toilet
- ✗ Bathroom
- ✗ Kitchen

- ✓ **Minimal exterior walls** (or none)
- ✓ **Minimal openings** (ideally none)

According to the guidelines, these
don’t “count” as inner rooms

Look for rooms matching these criteria



In All Situations

- 🕒 Wait for at least 10 minutes after the emergency has been declared over
- 🚫 Avoid the entrances of buildings
- 🚪 Leave building doors open so that those seeking shelter can access them