



Finding Safe Shelter During Rocket Alerts: ^{v3} 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.*

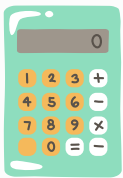


Figure Out
Or Know

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

Mamad

(Apartment Safe Room)

Miklat

(Public Shelter)

**Mamak /
Mamam**

(Building/Floor Safe Rooms)

YES

1

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

NO

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

YES

2

See: Shelter Option 2
Choose the best stairwell available

NO

See: Shelter Option 3
(Find best unprotected room)

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1 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).

Highly recommended: Familiarise yourself with the nearest public shelters to your building *before an emergency*, check how to get to them, 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. **This is considered the second-best option.**

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.

There are 2 sets of guidelines for choosing this space below.

This is considered the least preferable option.

- ✗ Toilet
- ✗ Bathroom
- ✗ Kitchen

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

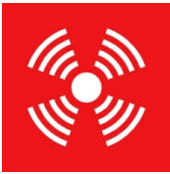
- ✓ **Minimal exterior walls** (or none)
- ✓ **Minimal openings** (ideally none)

Look for rooms matching these criteria



- ⌚ 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

For latest (official) guidance, Home Front Command: oref.org.il/eng



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Document Changelog

Version	Date (dd-mm-yy)	Changes
3	08/08/24	Added mamak, emphasised order of preference for each shelter option
2	08/08/24	Added one more non-governmental warning for clarity Added footer link to HFC site
1	08/08/24	Original version