



Finding Safe Shelter During Rocket Alerts: ^{v4} Decision-Making Tree

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You: In A **Building** (Home / Work / Friend's House)

Event: *Tzeva adom* goes off warning of a rocket threat

How do you choose your best shelter option?

These are Pikud HaOref's recommendations (08/08/24)



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

NO

1

Recommendation:
Shelter Option 1
(Details: next page)

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

YES

NO

2

Recommendation:
Shelter Option 2
(Details: next page)

See: **Shelter Option 3**
(Find best unprotected room)

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You can find the estimated warning time for your alert area in the Home Front Command App



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1

Shelter In A Designated Protected Space מקלט

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).

Shelter In The 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.

3

Shelter In An Unprotected Room



As a last resort (and only then), **identify your best option among the “regular” (non-mamad) rooms** Shelter there, keeping below the window line if there aren’t rooms without any.

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

This is considered the least preferable option.

- ✗ 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



- ⌚ 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

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Document Changelog

Version	Date (dd-mm-yy)	Changes
4	08/08/24	Final set of “basic” changes to get functional resource ready
3	08/08/24	Added mamak, emphasized 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