



# Finding Safe Shelter During Rocket Alerts: <sup>v2</sup> 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.*

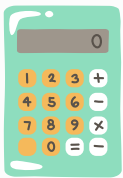


Figure Out  
Or Know

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

**Mamad**

(Apartment Safe Room)

**Miklat**

(Public Shelter)

**Mamam**

(Building Safe Room)

**YES**

**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)

**3**



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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).

**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.

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



- ⌚ 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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