

# Safe Space Finding Algorithm (Rocket Alerts)

## Indoor Context

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### THE CONTEXT:

You find yourself **indoors** when a **rocket siren** goes off. You might be at home, at a friend's home, or at work. The guidelines recommend following these steps to identify your safest shelter option.

**START  
HERE**

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

**Mamad**  
(Your Apartment's Safe Room)

OR

**Miklat**  
(Public Shelter)

OR

**Mamam**  
(Your Building's Safe Room)

**Yes**

**No**

Go to whichever of those is closest  
**ASAP**  
Shelter there.

Can you access a **stairwell** in your building within the warning period?

**Yes**

**No**

How many floors does your building have?

$\geq 3$

$< 3$

Select a stairwell with  
at least two floors  
above it.  
**Shelter there**

Choose the **middle**  
floor stairwell.  
**Shelter there**

Shelter in an unprotected (ie  
'regular') room in the building

If you have to take the last resort option, you should prioritise a space that has **as few outside walls and openings as possible**.

Note that the following do not "count" as inner rooms according to the latest instructions from Pikud HaOref:

- Bathrooms
- Toilets
- Kitchens



Try to find a stairwell (or a place in the stairwell) with **no windows, openings, or external walls**

## In All Cases:

Wait for **10 minutes** after the end of the emergency before leaving the protected space

**Leave the entrance to the building open** for those evacuating into it

**Avoid the entrances of buildings**

**Shelter beneath window lines** if you have to shelter near one

Consider placing chairs in stairwells for elderly residents of your building

