

Home Front Command (Pikud Haoref) Decision-making Guidelines For Seeking Shelter From Incoming Rockets

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Context: Indoors

1. **Determine Available Time and Space:**
 - Assess the time available to reach a safe space based on the alert.
2. **Identify Priority Shelter Options:**
 - **Priority 1: Mamad, Mamak, or Public Shelter (Miklat)**
 - If available, proceed to the nearest:
 - *Mamad* (apartment's designated protected space)
 - *Mamak* (floor's protected space)
 - *Mamam* (institutional safe space)
 - Public shelter (*miklat tzi'buri*)
 - **Priority 2: Inner Stairwell**
 - If no Priority 1 shelters are accessible, proceed to an inner stairwell with:
 - No windows or openings
 - No external walls
 - If the building has more than three floors, choose a stairwell with at least two floors above it.
 - If the building has less than three floors, choose the middle floor stairwell.
 - **Priority 3: Non-Protected Room in Your Home**
 - If no Priority 1 or 2 options are available, choose a non-protected room with:
 - Few outside walls (ideally none)
 - Few openings
3. **Execute Shelter Procedures:**
 - **For Priority 1 Spaces (Mamad, Mamak, or Public Shelter)**
 - Close the door by turning the handle 90 degrees.
 - Ensure both the steel window and inner glass window are closed.
 - **For Priority 2 Spaces (Inner Stairwell)**
 - Sit on the stairs, not in the floor space.
 - **For Priority 3 Spaces (Non-Protected Room)**
 - Sit in an inner corner below the window line, not facing the door.
 - Avoid kitchens, bathrooms, and toilets.

Context: Outdoors

1. **Determine Context and Location:**
 - Assess whether you are in a built-up area or an open area when the rocket siren goes off.
2. **Identify Shelter Options Based on Context:**
 - **In a Built-Up Area**
 - Enter a shelter or a stairwell in a nearby building.
 - Stay away from building entrances.
 - **In an Open Area**
 - Lie on the ground, adopting the appropriate safe posture (protect your head with your hands).
 - Be aware that the blast wave from an explosion can generate dangerous fragments, posing a risk to anyone standing or sitting.
3. **Execute Safety Procedures:**
 - **For Built-Up Area**
 - Find the nearest building.
 - Enter the building and proceed to a shelter or stairwell.
 - Ensure you stay away from building entrances.
 - **For Open Area**
 - Immediately lie on the ground.
 - Protect your head with your hands.
 - Stay in this position until the siren stops and it is safe to move.

Context: Private Transport

1. **Determine Immediate Actions When Siren Goes Off:**
 - Assess whether you can reach a nearby building for shelter.
2. **Identify Shelter Options Based on Situation:**
 - **If Able to Reach a Building**
 - Stop by the side of the road.
 - Exit the vehicle.
 - Enter a shelter or a stairwell of a nearby building.
 - **If Unable to Reach a Building**
 - Stop by the side of the road.
 - Exit the vehicle and move away from it by the side of the road or the separation fence.
 - Lie on the ground and protect your head with your hands.
 - **If Unable to Leave the Vehicle**
 - Stop by the side of the road.
 - Bend beneath the window line.
3. **Execute Safety Procedures:**
 - **For Reaching a Building**
 - Stop vehicle safely.
 - Exit vehicle quickly.
 - Find and enter the nearest shelter or stairwell.
 - **For Moving Away from Vehicle**
 - Stop vehicle safely.
 - Exit vehicle.
 - Move away to the side of the road or separation fence.
 - Lie down and cover head with hands.
 - **For Staying in Vehicle**
 - Stop vehicle safely.
 - Bend down below the window line.

Context: Public Transport

1. **Determine Type of Public Transport:**
 - Assess whether you are on an intercity bus, student transportation, city bus, or train when the rocket siren goes off.
2. **Identify Shelter Options Based on Type of Transport:**
 - **Intercity Buses, Student Transportation**
 - Driver should:
 - Stop the vehicle at the side of the road.
 - Open the doors.
 - Passengers should:
 - Bend beneath the window line.
 - Protect their heads with their hands.
 - **City Buses**
 - Driver should:
 - Stop on the side of the road.
 - Open the doors for passengers to disembark.
 - Passengers should:
 - Enter a nearby building.
 - If unable to reach a building, bend below the window line and protect their heads with their hands.
 - **Train**
 - Driver should:
 - Slow down to a speed of 30 KM/H for 10 minutes.
 - Passengers should:
 - Bend below the window line in the carriages.
 - Protect their heads with their hands.
3. **Execute Safety Procedures:**
 - **For Intercity Buses and Student Transportation**
 - Driver stops vehicle safely and opens doors.
 - Passengers bend below window line and protect heads.
 - **For City Buses**
 - Driver stops vehicle safely and opens doors.
 - Passengers disembark and enter nearest building.
 - If no building is accessible, bend below window line and protect heads.
 - **For Train**
 - Driver slows down to 30 KM/H for 10 minutes.
 - Passengers bend below window line and protect heads.