# 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.