

# BEING PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES TECHNION INTERNATIONAL, HAIFA, ISRAEL

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## **Being Prepared in Advance Saves Lives**

Israel's Home Front Command, in cooperation with emergency and rescue organizations, government offices, local authorities, and hundreds of volunteer organizations are ready to help you in times of emergency.

The Home-Front Command Website: www.oref.org.il

## **Security Shelters in Israel**

- All public buildings in Israel have two types of public shelters:
  - A Miklat "מקלט" (shelter)
  - Merchav Mugan "מרחב מוגן" (a protected area).
- All Technion buildings have such shelters.
- Public signs designate the shelter areas.
- It is legitimate to use the shelter of a building in which you happen to be, even if it is not your home or workplace.
- Familiarize yourself with the shelter location closest to where you work and live.

- If you hear an alarm or a siren proceed immediately to the nearest shelter.
- When in doubt, ask people around you for the closest shelter.
- If there is no obvious shelter, then a room with a small number of outside walls and windows, or a corridor is a safe alternative.

#### Sirens in Israel

- National memorial days in Israel are observed with either a one or two minute siren ("Yom Hazikaron" and Holocaust and Heorism Remembrance Day)
- Sirens used to designate emergencies are non-monotonic, loud up and down tones.
- When in doubt, ask people around you if the siren indicates an emergency.

## If You Hear an Emergency Siren

- Recognize the alarm and do not panic.
- Look for a nearby shelter and go there. If you are in a building, descend to the bomb-shelter as long as it can be reached within 90 seconds from the moment the siren is heard (or 60 seconds from the street).
- If no shelter is nearby find a room with a small number of outside walls and windows, a staircase or a corridor. Get as far away as possible from windows and doors.
- If outside: enter the nearest staircase or take cover behind the nearest wall/shelter and lie facing the ground and cover your head and neck with your hands.
- If in a vehicle: stop at the side of the road, exit the vehicle and enter the nearest staircase, building or shelter.
- If there are no buildings close by, exit the vehicle and lie facing the ground and cover your head and neck with your hands. If you cannot leave the vehicle, stop on the side of the road and wait for 10 minutes.
- In all cases stay inside the secure area for at least 10 minutes or until you hear instructions from an authorized security person.
- Stay tuned to the media for further instructions.

#### After the Siren has Ended

- Sirens last a few seconds, but require staying in a safe environment for 10 minutes.
- There may or may not be explicit instructions indicating the end of an emergency.
- After 10 minutes, unless otherwise instructed, you may leave and continue with your day.
- Stay clear and do not touch unidentified objects.
- Inform the security forces of any suspicious objects.

#### **Unconventional Missiles**

- Use of biological or chemical warfare is EXTREMELY unlikely.
- In the off chance of such use, explicit directions will be given through the media and the internet.
- If you have security masks DO NOT use or open them without explicit instructions.
- Instructions for opening and using kits can be found on the Israeli Home Front website:

http//www.oref.org.il/894-en/Pakar.aspx

# **Useful Telephone Numbers**

- Technion 24 Hour Security Office
  - T. 04-829-2222
  - T. 04-829-2494
  - T. 04-829-4242
- Technion 24 Hour Main Gate
  - T. 04-829-2740
  - T. 04-829-3839
- On duty 24 Hour Technion Security Officer
  - T. 052-8967-455
- Head of Technion Security Office, Mr. Yoav Geva
  - T. 054-220-9975
- Homeland Security Office 24 Hours in English
- T. 1207
- Homeland Security Office Website
  - http//www.oref.org.il/894-en/Pakar.aspx

