



Situations Where a Life is in Danger

19. In a case of *pikuach nefesh*, *yichud* is permitted for as long as is needed to save the person. For example, if a woman has to go to a hospital because her life is in danger and there will be *yichud* between her and the male driver (and no one else is available to go along with her to serve as a *shomer*), she is permitted to use the male driver.

However, if *yichud* can be avoided, one is obligated to do everything possible to do so. (Of course, one should not do anything that could endanger a life, such as delay the trip — e.g., wait for a *shomer* —to avoid *yichud*.) (Yesod

Hataharah – *Yichud* 2:4; see *Mishmeres Hayichud* 1:11 note 19; *Shevet Halevi* 3:36 – *He'aros L'Shulchan Aruch* 330; *ibid.*, vol. 6, 38:4)