



When is “Night”?

6. “Nighttime” is defined as the time when it is normal for the men (even only one of them) to go to sleep — even if they are not going to sleep right now. (*Dvar*

Halachah 9:16 and note ad loc.)

7. Accordingly, at the beginning of the night, when it is not yet the time when (any of) the men normally go to sleep, is still considered “daytime”. At that time, a woman may be alone with two men. (*ibid.*)

8. If the men will definitely not go to sleep in their present location — i.e. they are going to go home to sleep — it is permitted for a woman to be alone with two men. (*Dvar Halachah* *ibid.*; *Malbushei Mordechai – Yichud*, *siman* 8 note 3; *Yesod Hataharah – Yichud* 10:7)

Note:

The halachic definition of “nighttime” can vary depending on many other factors,
such as:

- The age of the people: Middle-aged adults typically go to sleep later than young children.
- The day of the week: Many people go to sleep earlier on weekdays and later on Shabbos and Yom Tov.
- The location: In some cities, it is more common for men to go to sleep late, while in others it is more common to go to sleep earlier.

(See *Yesod Hataharah* – *Yichud* 7 and note ad loc.)