

# WHAT TO DO IN AN AIR THREAT?

The Estonian Defence Forces alert the public via the EE-ALARM public warning system when sheltering is required or there is a possible air threat. Alerts are sent via SMS, the Eesti app and the "Ole Valmis!" application, and sirens may be activated if necessary. Additional information is available at [kriis.ee](http://kriis.ee) and via the state helpline 1247, as well as on ERR and other media outlets. Alerts are issued to the area affected by the threat.

Follow the instructions from the authorities carefully. Not every alert requires taking shelter. Please note that more detailed information may take time to become available, as alerts contain the most essential instructions. Make sure the Eesti app and "Ole Valmis!" applications are installed, up to date, and notifications are enabled.

## POTENTIAL AIR THREAT - BE ALERT

When the Estonian Defence Forces issue an alert: potentially dangerous aerial objects like drones may enter the area, but there is no immediate threat to residents. For example, a drone may have strayed into Estonian airspace, is likely to pass over the area without an immediate threat to residents.



You'll receive a possible air threat alert via EE-ALARM by SMS and/or app notification. Information about the end of the threat is communicated through EE-ALARM channels and the media.

### No need to shelter!



Continue your normal daily activities: children attend nursery/school, adults go to work as usual. When outdoors, remain alert to your surroundings and be prepared to take shelter if needed.



Keep a charged phone at hand and follow the instructions you receive.



If your child is at kindergarten or school, a loved one in a care home, they are under the supervision of staff and do not need to be brought home. Educational, care and medical institutions must ensure the safety of those in their care.

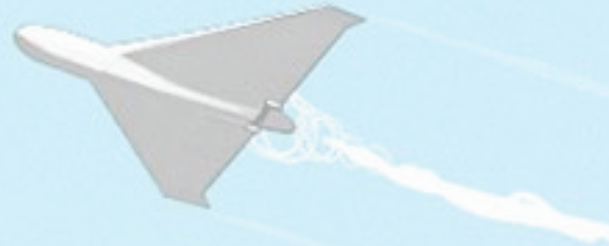


Calmly discuss with your family members, elderly relatives and dependants what a possible air threat means and how to act during such a situation.



Think through and discuss in advance how to act and protect those in your care should a possible aerial threat escalate into an immediate threat.

Always read carefully the instructions sent to you with EE-ALARM, because different situations may mean different instructions!



## AIR THREAT - TAKE SHELTER

When the Estonian Defence Forces issue an alert: the air threat is immediate, meaning people's lives, health and property are at risk. For example, an aircraft may be present in Estonian airspace and pose a direct danger to people in the affected area.



You'll hear sirens, receive a shelter instruction from the Estonian Defence Forces via SMS, app notification and/or ERR channels, or you may directly observe the threat.



### Shelter immediately!

Upon receiving a shelter instruction, take shelter where you are at that moment — at home, at work, at school, in a nursery, in a shop or in any other indoor space. Moving outdoors during an air threat is life-threatening.



Remember: the nearest indoor space is the best place to shelter. Stay away from windows and doors, move to the lowest possible floor, close to the ground, and place as many walls as possible between yourself and the outside.



If you are unable to enter a building, find a location where you are protected by walls or other obstacles on at least one side — for example, a ditch or depression in the ground. As a last resort, lie flat and protect your head with your hands.



If you are traveling in a vehicle, park it near the nearest building or natural barrier without obstructing emergency vehicles. Leave the vehicle and shelter elsewhere, as a car does not provide sufficient protection from an air threat.



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Educational institutions, hospitals, care facilities and similar establishments must have prepared procedures for such situations, ensure the safety of those in their care, and act in accordance with official guidance.

Crisis info

[WWW.KRIIS.EE](http://WWW.KRIIS.EE)

Instructions

[WWW.OLEVALMIS.EE](http://WWW.OLEVALMIS.EE)

State helpline

1247

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