When Yichud Applies

The general rule for *yichud* is that a *man* and a woman who is not his wife or a woman and *man* who is not her husband may not be secluded together. If another adult can enter the room at any time without knocking, there is no problem with *yichud*, even if the adult is not present initially. *Yichud* does not apply whenever:

- A woman has a lockable door that only she controls, which is locked (in this case, men are permitted elsewhere in the building).
- Direct descendants or ancestors are in a room together (in this case, all other men/women combinations are permitted--even if the other people are not related).
- Three (or more) women and one *man* (or more) are in a room, except when they will be sleeping. At those times, four (or more) women and one *man* (or more) are permitted in a room or enclosed area.
- Two (or more) men and one (or more) woman/women are in a room.
- Other people have keys to the room and may enter at any time.
- One (married) woman is with one or more men and the woman's husband is in the same area (*RMH* looks at the local business district as the “area,” so wherever businesses would be advertising or marketing would be a local area).
- For other cases, consult a *rabbi*.

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