

Meet Alison. She's a social worker in her late twenties who regularly volunteers at Safe Spaces, a local **domestic abuse and sexual violence support center**. She values the time she can spend helping others at the center, both through personal counseling and advocacy visits.



Rapid Refuge

"Everyone Needs a Safe Space"

Rapid Refuge is a provides a quick and easy way to create a private and safe space for one or two people, allowing the user to carve out a temporary place of their own in any public setting.

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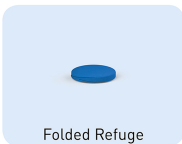


1. Near the end of her shift, Alison gets a call to **accompany a survivor to the hospital**. She meets with the survivor, who requests that their family be called to support them at the hospital.

2. When the family arrives, Alison notices that the survivor's sister, Lily, is very upset & affecting the whole family. She decides it would be most helpful to **counsel Lily one on one**.



3. Alison notices there are **no private areas** in the waiting room, but remembers that **she has Rapid Refuge in her backpack**. She asks Lily if she wants to use Rapid Refuge, and Lily says yes.



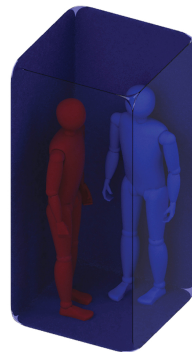
Folded Refuge

Additionally, the refuge can fold into a 1.5' diameter circle, and it's lightweight structure and fabric allow for **easy transport in a regular-sized backpack**.

To serve as a confidential call space, Rapid Refuge is designed to **deploy during the time it takes a phone to ring**. At the press of a button, the user can have the refuge open and ready to use.



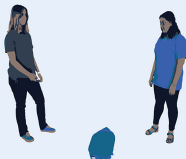
Semi-Folded Refuge



Full-Size Refuge

The refuge will be **soundproof and opaque** to help the user feel insulated, private, and safe, separated from the noise and distracting visuals of the outside world.

Inside, the refuge will have **customizable light and temperature options**, to keep the user feeling comfortable and able to focus on helping themselves or others.



4. Lily says that she would be interested in using the Rapid Refuge, so Alison finds an **empty corner of the room to set the space up in**.



5. Alison **deploys the space** safely using its remote, orienting the space the short, long way at Lily's request. They enter the space, and Lily selects the color of the internal lighting.



6. After **Lily has calmed down**, she mentions she's ready to re-enter the waiting room, and they leave Rapid Refuge. When done, Alison **folds the space up and returns it to her backpack**.