

3 Ways to Get Out of Check “Beginner” Help Guide

There are **Three Ways to Get Out of Check**. The first way is to block the attacking piece. The second way to get out of check is to capture the attacking piece. The third way to get out of check is to move your King out of danger.

Diagram 1: Black to move. The easiest way to determine how to get out of check is by using the process of elimination. So if you can't move your King out of danger and you can't capture the attacking piece then you must block the attacking piece.

Diagram 2: Black to move. Right now your King is being attacked by the White Queen. By using the process of elimination you can see that the Queen cannot be blocked and that your King cannot move out of the way. So that leaves only one option to choose from.

Diagram 3: Black to move. In this diagram the Black King is in check by the White Queen. There is no piece on the board that can capture the Queen at this point. There is also no piece on the board that can block the attacking Queen. Therefore you must move your King out of danger.

Diagram 4: Black to move. The Black King is in check by the White Knight. The King cannot move out of the way because of the White Pawn that is in front of it and because of the White King that is behind the Pawn. We are also unable to block the attacking Knight with any of our pieces so that leaves only one option. We need to capture the White Knight with the only piece that black has on that side of the board.

Diagram 5: Black to move. The White Bishop has just put the Black King into check so we need to do something about it. The Knight is protecting the Bishop so you can't capture it with your King. You are also unable to block the Bishop because it is so close to the King. So that means you need to move your King out of the way, but we need to be careful because there is only one square that is safe to move to.

Diagram 6: Black to move. The White Queen has got the Black King into check and you need to do something about it. You are not able to move your King out of the way or capture the attacking Queen so that leaves you with only one option. You must block the Queen. Be careful what piece you use to block the Queen because the two White Bishops on d2 and e2 are protecting most of that side of the board.