



CIVIL DEFENCE

Disaster is no respecter of persons or places.

Everyone must be prepared to meet any type of emergency—including enemy attack.

CIVIL DEFENCE is organized PREPAREDNESS

Civil Defence helps to minimize the effects of a disaster, save lives and property, maintain production and sustain our determination to pull through and fight back!

Civil Defence is everyone's business. The more people who prepare for a disaster the less will be the damage, the fewer the casualties, the smaller the loss and the better our chances of getting back to normal activity.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW

LEARN WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY—your local civil defence authorities will help to teach you.

SUPPORT ALL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS—blood banks, accommodation surveys, evacuation plans, recruiting drives, equipment inventories.

STUDY HOW TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER—for yourself and your family.

YOUR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL ARE GOOD—EVEN UNDER AIR ATTACK—IF YOU ARE PREPARED

Properly Constructed Shelters will shield you from explosions.

Ask for detailed instructions on how to make a basement shelter. This can be prepared easily and inexpensively.

Find out what to put in the shelter such as: first-aid kit, pails of water or sand, emergency water supply, extra clothing, canned food, flashlight, axes, picks and saws, and a battery radio.

DO'S AND DONT'S

YOUR LIFE MAY DEPEND ON HOW YOU ACT IF AND WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

Even an atomic bomb does not necessarily mean complete destruction.

In a bombing attack . . .

HERE'S WHAT TO DO—

If there is **WARNING**—and time to reach a shelter.

WALK to cover.

Cover windows and close doors.

Keep away from glass.

If there is **NO WARNING**—

INDOORS— **GET DOWN** under a table or desk and **COVER YOUR HEAD**.

OUTDOORS—**GET DOWN** anywhere, even in a gutter—and **COVER YOUR HEAD**.

DON'T RUSH OUTSIDE IMMEDIATELY AFTER A BLAST

Wait until you are sure that you are safe from danger of falling debris and possible radio-activity.

In any type of disaster . . .

ABOVE ALL—DON'T PANIC

You may interfere with organized civil defence services and add to confusion.

DON'T SPREAD RUMORS—THEY ARE ENEMY AGENTS!

If you live on a farm or in the country you may be relatively safe from attack, but you have an important job to do in aiding stricken areas. You must be on guard against germ warfare and fire attacks on crops. You should be ready to house and care for refugees.

Your local authorities can give you further advice in preparing for an emergency. If not, write to the Civil Defence Co-ordinator at your provincial capital.

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