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HOW TO BLACKOUT

If portieres or over drapes are available, arrange a double thickness over windows. Blankets will do or heavy black paper pasted on windows. Don't stampede stores for materials, but rather, try to be ingenious and use what you already have. In looking for material be sure to check the attic, and while you're at it, this is a good time to clean out all combustible items you find there.

See that your blackout is arranged to guard against light shining in case you open a door. It is good to have a flashlight handy, but if you don't have one, don't go out and buy one.

YOUR SAFEST PLACE DURING AN AIR RAID

The greatest amount of protection is in the home. While the ordinary house does not offer protection against a direct hit (only the strongest, specially constructed bomb shelters do) it will provide very substantial protection against blast and splinters from high explosive bombs which is the greatest danger for most people. The chances of a direct hit on your home are slight. For the greatest safety, follow these simple rules:

HAVE THESE ON HAND



1. Select one room as a "Safety Room." It should have the following characteristics:—

- (a) It should be small but large enough to accommodate the entire family comfortably. (At least 6 square feet of floor space, 75 cubic feet of air space per person for three hours occupancy.) Be sure there are two exits and that building frame is strong enough not to entirely collapse.
- (b) A room with the least amount of glass is often best, preferably one that doesn't face street. A good choice is kitchen, or a room adjoining, so that water is quickly available if needed. It should have solid wall protection.
- (c) Two doors or other means of entrance or exit if possible. Few and small windows.
- (d) Blackout (See page 4.)

FOR AIR RAID PROTECTION

