

# INFORMATION and INSTRUCTIONS

## COMMUNITY SHELTER PLAN FOR 7-COUNTY KANSAS CITY AREA

### • WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF NUCLEAR ATTACK

In case of a nuclear attack upon this country, you and your family would need to know WHERE TO GO and WHAT TO DO. This Community Shelter Plan for the 7-county Kansas City area contains this information for every citizen. It is based on making the best possible use of the fallout protection now available in the Kansas City area. If you and your family take action as this plan recommends, you will have maximum chances for survival.

## WHO PREPARED THIS COMMUNITY SHELTER PLAN?

This community shelter plan was prepared by the Kansas City District Office of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers working closely with an advisory committee composed of local Civil Defense Directors in the 7-county Kansas City area. The plan was prepared at the direction of the Office of Civil Defense, Region 6 as part of the National Community Shelter Planning Program. Communities throughout the country are in the process of preparing such plans as a part of a long term program to provide fallout protection for all the people of the United States.

## PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNITY SHELTER PLAN

This Community Shelter Plan was designed for two purposes: (1) to match as many of our residents as possible to public shelters which they can reach in a reasonable length of time; and (2) to recommend the best action to be taken by people for whom public shelter is not now available. The overall objective is to recommend those actions which will give the best protection from fallout radiation for ALL of our citizens.

## HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

1. Find your normal daytime and nighttime location on the maps.
2. If your normal locations are in a Public Shelter Service Area (colored and numbered areas), go to the shelter indicated for your area.
3. If you are not in a Public Shelter Service Area, you must use the available protection. Methods of improvising shelter at home are described on page 19 of this brochure.
4. On subsequent pages you will find maps of the seven (7) counties showing the Public Shelter Service Areas and the shelter locations. With each map is a list of shelters, numbered to correspond to the numbered shelter locations.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on what to do in case of emergency, call or visit your local Civil Defense office. The Mid-America Council of Governments and your local Civil Defense staffs urge you to study this brochure and the information printed in it. Keep this Community Shelter Plan where you can locate it at any time. It may save your life.

## NOTE:

Building names and addresses of Public Shelters are current at time of final review. Changes may occur due to demolition, changes of ownership or new construction.

## Who Has Reviewed and Approved This Community Shelter Plan?

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This plan has been Reviewed and Approved by

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## 7-COUNTY KANSAS CITY AREA

The 7-county Kansas City area includes the entire area of the seven counties. There are three counties in Kansas and four counties in Missouri, which are the following:

### Kansas:

Johnson  
Leavenworth  
Wyandotte

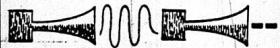
### Missouri:

Cass  
Clay  
Jackson  
Platte

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## ATTACK WARNING SIGNAL



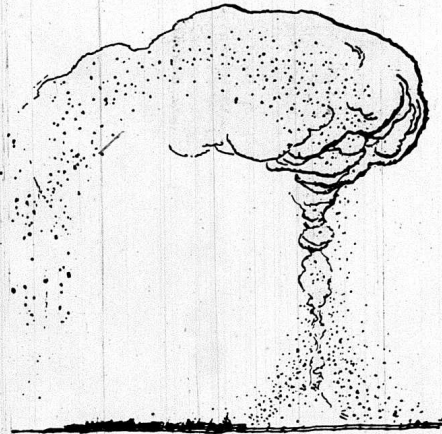
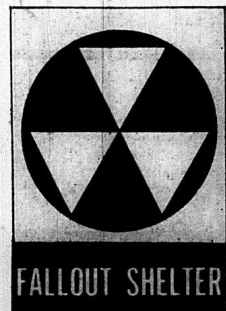
The ATTACK WARNING SIGNAL is a 3-to-5 minute wavering tone on sirens, or series of short blasts on horns or other devices. THE ATTACK WARNING signal shall mean that an actual attack against the country has been detected and that protective action should be taken immediately.

## CIVIL DEFENSE INFORMATION IN TIME OF EMERGENCY

During a period of growing international tension, all normal methods of communication—such as newspapers, radio and television will be used to get Civil Defense information to the people.

Many shelters are marked with Fallout Shelter signs that look like the one below. Other facilities are not marked but are to be used in case of a Civil Defense emergency. Do not hesitate to go to a building that is identified for your use according to this plan, even though it is not now marked by a sign.

Tune your AM Radio to a radio station in or close to your area that is broadcasting information on the emergency situation.



## WHAT IS FALLOUT?

If a nuclear weapon explodes on or near the ground, tons of earth are drawn up with the "fireball" produced by the explosion. They mix with the radioactive materials produced by the explosion of the nuclear weapon, and eventually, fall back to the ground as particles of "fallout."

Where these fallout particles come back to the ground depends on the winds.

Fallout may fall as far as several hundred miles from where the weapon exploded.

Fallout may arrive within 20 to 30 minutes, close to the place the weapon exploded. IT MAY NOT ARRIVE FOR SEVERAL HOURS, FARTHER DOWNWIND.

Radioactive fallout decays. Seven hours after the burst, fallout is only 1/10th as radioactive as it was at one hour after the burst. After two days, it is only 1/100th as radioactive as it was at one hour.

### PROTECTION FROM FALLOUT

The primary danger from fallout particles is caused by the "gamma rays" they give off. Like X-rays, they can harm living things exposed to them.

You can protect yourself from fallout by getting heavy material (shielding) between yourself and the fallout particles giving off the gamma rays. The heavier the construction of a building you may be in, the better protection it gives you.

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