THE ABC OF ARP 1: Air Raid – **ANSWERS**

View the film *The ABC of ARP 1: Air Raid* before beginning these activities. You may find it helpful to watch some parts of the film again as you fill in the answers. This film explains what to do during a night-time air raid, how to make a temporary shelter inside your home and what to do if you are in the street when an air raid takes place.

1. **Temporary shelters**

   In the space provided, draw and label a diagram to show where it is safest to build a temporary shelter in your home. Explain in a few sentences why you chose that place.

   I chose this place because ... **Answers should include the following:** 1) there are at least two walls between the street and the room chosen as the temporary shelter; 2) the more walls between household members and the blast area, the safer the occupants will be. (NB: The films assume that bombs will fall in the street, not upon houses, so as not to frighten viewers and in order to focus upon situations in which survival is possible.)
2. **What families do during an air raid at night**

Below is a chart listing the things that a family should do if an air raid warning sounds in the middle of the night. Pretend that you are the local air raid warden talking to a group of mothers. Use the diagram to help develop a talk that you will give to the mothers’ group about air raid procedures.

![Air Raid Precautions Diagram](image)

Make your notes here:

**Answers should include the following:**
- The warning signal is an undulating wail
- Put on slippers/shoes to avoid broken glass
- Bring a torch or other light
- Have toys or activities ready to keep children busy
- Organise food for your shelter well in advance
- Turn off the gas at the meter
- Fill sinks/baths with water to fight fires
- Take water and a first aid kit to your shelter
- Have a sign ready to put outside your house to tell the warden where you are
- Wait for the all clear signal – do not go out to watch the air raid.

3. **Types of shelters**

   a) **Shelters at home** – what are the three main types of shelters that the Department of Home Security recommends for building at home?
      i) **dugout**  
      ii) **cellar**  
      iii) **slit trench**

   b) **Shelters in public places** – If you are not at home when an air raid occurs you should run to:
      i) A **slit trench**  
      ii) An air raid **shelter**  
      iii) A modern **concrete** building  
      iv) A **gutter** and lay face down in it

   c) **End of an air raid** – What does the all-clear signal sound like? **A long single note.**