

*Home Security Circular 163/1940.*

Local Authorities of unspecified Urban areas, where the civilian population is dense or where there are factories which are likely to be objects of enemy attack, are authorised to assist in the construction of shelters. These shelters may take one of three forms:

- (a) the strengthening and preparation of a special room in the house.
- (b) the building of private shelters by the provision of materials.
- (c) the building of public shelters in the immediate neighbourhood.

The Local Authorities are authorised to appoint consultants who will advise the householder as to the best method of constructing a shelter. They may also distribute the required materials free of charge to those who are insurable under the National Health Insurance Act, or whose income is under £250 per annum.

There is at present a considerable shortage of the required materials and labour for shelter building, but advice is given in the booklet "Your home as an air raid shelter" which may prove of value.