

SHELTERS AT FACTORIES

The Minister of Home Security has recently made an Order amending the provisions governing the amount of floor area per person in non-dormitory air-raid shelters up to a certain size in factories and commercial premises. The Order reduces the floor area to be provided in such shelters from 6 square feet to $3\frac{3}{4}$ square feet per person.

The Order, the Ministry of Home Security wishes to point out, applies only to shelters which on the basis of the new standard may accommodate up to 50 people. Thus it will allow surface shelters designed to hold from 31 to 49 persons to be used for a maximum of 50 persons provided that the shelters are freely ventilated by two entrances connected directly or indirectly with the open air. But the order does not apply to larger shelters. Thus, it does not enable 80 persons to be accommodated in shelters provided for 50 persons.

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