

Keeping Safe in World War II (WWII) Homes

Read through the fact sheet **Keeping Safe in World War II (WWII) Homes**, which describes what homes were like during World War II. Can you answer the following questions?

1. What was the difference between an Anderson shelter and a Morrison shelter?
2. Why would people during WWII keep newspapers away from the 'range'?
3. Why did people keep candles and matches in each room during WWII?
4. Why was 'shrapnel' dangerous?
5. How did people keep rats from eating their food?

Challenge

Research different people's experiences of air raids. Perhaps your grandparents or elderly neighbours were alive during the war. Talk to them to find out what memories they have. Search online, or at your local library.

Now, write a short description about what it might be like during an air raid. What happened? What buildings were targeted and why? What did you and your family do? What dangers did you need to be aware of when getting from the house to the shelter? How did you feel? (You could read your description aloud, as though you are being interviewed on radio.)