

PLAN OF ACTION FOR OCCUPANTS OF MUSEUM OF VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

IN THE EVENT OF AN AIR RAID

In the event of an air raid: Do not try to make your way to other buildings. Obey the orders of the authorized wardens in charge. (Remember that in an emergency one fair plan carried out is better than two excellent ones not carried out.)

The halls on the first floor and the short hallway leading to Room 2100 are probably the safest places in the Life Sciences Building.

If a gas alarm is sounded, or if it is suspected that the probability of an attack within the next 12 hours is great, any occupant of MVZ should go to the rooms where the decontamination kits are stored (2114, 2126, 2113, 2123 2593-D, abd 5545), take the roll of Scotch tape out of the kit, seal the windows with it, and wet some cloths to place along the bottom of the doors. If an attack has started, stay there until the "All Clear" signal is sounded. Do not smoke in the room. In anticipation of the possibility of an attack at a time when most occupants are present, the following assignments are made. At north end, women use kits in Rooms 2593-D and 2114; men use kit in 2126. At south end, women use kit in 2123; men use kit in 2113.

If subjected to gas: Take short quick breaths or hold your breath until you can get into one of the rooms mentioned above. If there is reason to believe you have been gassed with mustard gas or Lewisite, leave outside clothing outside of room. (In fact, leave clothing outside of building if the inside is not already contaminated.)

DECONTAMINATION KITS  
CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1 roll (10 yds.) Scotch Drafting Tape
- 3 bars laundry soap
- $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon Clorox
- 1 pint Hydrogen peroxide
- $\frac{1}{8}$  gallon soda solution (1%)
- $\frac{1}{8}$  gallon copper sulfate solution (5%)
- 200 cc. gentian violet solution (1% aqueous)
- 10 applicators
- 1 roll absorbent cotton
- 4 triangular bandages
- 4 one-half-yard pieces cheese-cloth
- 10 paper cups

(Kits in Rooms 2593-D, 2123, and 2126 are equipped with sprayers for applying gentian violet solution to extensive burns.)

## USE OF DECONTAMINATION KIT

### Blister Gases

Mustard (odor like garlic, horseradish, mustard)

Lewisite (odor like geraniums)

1. Wash rapidly with running water and soap.  
Do not leave any of these soapsuds, which will contain war gas, on skin longer than 30 seconds.
2. Daub skin with Clorox. (If convenient, mix 3 parts of Clorox to 2 parts of water; it serves the purpose as well as straight Clorox.)
3. Wash with soap and water.
4. Again daub skin with Clorox.
5. Again wash with soap and water.
6. Take complete hot, soapy bath if possible.
7. If fumes have been inhaled, take complete rest. See a doctor as soon as possible.
8. Lewisite may cause blisters within two hours. If blisters are formed, open them, wash with hydrogen peroxide, cut away loose skin and compress with hydrogen peroxide.  
Mustard gas may cause blisters in 12 to 36 hours. If blisters are formed, open them, cut away loose skin, and paint with gentian violet.

### Lung Irritant Gases (Chlorin, Phosgene, etc.)

Wash eyes, keep quiet and warm; complete rest (lie down); use coffee as stimulant. Action is delayed, but see doctor at once.

### Sneeze Gases or Nose Irritants

1. Flush nose and throat with soda solution.

### Phosphorus burns

(May be from screening smokes or incendiary mechanisms)

1. Remove particles of phosphorus by immersing the wound in hot water and sponging with gauze pad. It is important to remove all particles; picking or squeezing may help.
2. Apply compress of copper sulfate solution.

### Other burns

1. Apply gentian violet (1% aqueous solution).
2. Treat for shock (Keep warm and quiet; feet high, head low; light stimulant -- coffee or tea).

**DIM-OUT REGULATIONS FOR THE MUSEUM OF VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY**

1. Effective August 20, shades or blinds on all windows on the west and north sides of the museum quarters must be drawn each day before leaving in the afternoon. Individual occupants should attend to this for their own rooms and for adjacent windows on the second and third floors.

2. Shades in the gallery will be closed by Hoffmeister and Fisher, and those in the file room and secretarial offices by Mrs. Tappe and Miss Chattin.

3. Skylights in the stair wells will be blacked out and also those in third floor offices that occupants expect to use at night.

4. Because other skylights seem best left unprotected, light switches serving the third floor halls and the hallway at the east side of the gallery will be covered to prevent use.

5. Failure to carry out these responsibilities is likely to bring a ruling from campus air raid authorities requiring us to discontinue all use of our quarters at night.

**AIR RAID WARDENS**

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