

Civil Defense

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During the cold war, we worked on civil defense. Our goal was to provide nuclear fallout and blast shelters to American citizens.

This shelter is an actual size demonstration model purchased at cost by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which we delivered to their training center in Emmitsburg Maryland.

FEMA would purchase one of these for any state on request. We built and delivered them to the states.

Buried underground, it will protect you if a nuclear weapon goes off overhead.

This shelter was fully equipped. It included air filtration equipment and basic supplies – including simple emergency medical supplies.

This caused a terrible problem with the bureaucrats. When they learned it contained standard prescription drugs like antibiotics, they refused to take delivery until they were removed.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency was actually afraid to have emergency medical supplies in their possession!

This shelter was developed by scientists at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and shelters like it were tested with real nuclear weapons.

We still have one of these demonstration shelters. I would like to invite my colleagues here to visit us and tour it.