

## **POWER OUTAGE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

Even the most reliable electrical service can go off sometimes. Print this list to keep on hand in case your power goes out.

- Check to see if your neighbors have electricity. If they do, check your circuit breakers to rule out problems with electricity inside your home.
- Once you are sure it is an outage, call your local electric utility and let them know. Do not call 911 unless you have a real emergency.
- Use a battery-powered radio and listen to a local radio station for updates.
- Due to the risk of fire, use a flashlights instead of candles.
- Unplug computers, TVs, video recorders, and other sensitive appliances. This will avoid possible damage when electricity comes back on.
- Turn off all but one light in your home so you will notice when electricity is restored.
- Turn off heat-producing appliances like irons and heaters to prevent fires in case no one is home when power is restored.
- Traffic lights and railroad crossings may not work in a power outage. If you are driving, please remember to stop, look, and listen for cross traffic.
- If you are stuck in an elevator, stay there and wait for help. Never try to climb out between floors.

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