PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Which batteries to keep at home, and how to store them

Keep spare batteries for every torch, radio and alarm you would rely on in a power cut, which for most homes means AA and AAA plus anything unusual such as 9V, C or D cells. Store them in their packaging somewhere cool and dry, and check them every six months.

- [ ] List every torch, lantern, radio and alarm with its battery size
- [ ] Hold two spare sets for each device you depend on
- [ ] Keep spares in original packaging, cool and dry
- [ ] Own a USB-powered charger if you use rechargeables
- [ ] Lock button cells away from children
- [ ] Write the purchase date on each pack
- [ ] Test devices and alarms every six months
- [ ] Recycle dead batteries at a collection point