PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Do phones work in a power cut? UK mobiles, landlines and 999

Your mobile works for as long as its battery lasts, and the network may keep working temporarily on mast backup power, though signal can fade in a long cut. A digital landline stops with the router unless it has battery backup; a corded phone on a traditional line may still work. Cordless phones stop. From a mobile, 999 or 112 can roam onto any available

- [ ] Check whether your landline is copper or digital
- [ ] Keep a line-powered corded phone if you are still on copper
- [ ] Ask your provider for a battery backup if you depend on the landline
- [ ] Register every mobile for emergencySMS
- [ ] Keep a power bank charged and top it up every few months
- [ ] Keep a wind-up or battery radio with FM
- [ ] Write key numbers on paper, including 105
- [ ] Agree a check-in time and meeting place with family
- [ ] Tell your telecare provider about any digital switch
- [ ] Agree a walkie-talkie channel with neighbours if you use them