PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Fire safety in a power cut

Fire risk rises in a power cut because people bring flames, fuel and makeshift heating into the home. Use battery lights in place of candles, cook only on equipment meant for the job with ventilation, store fuel outside the living space, switch off cookers and heaters at the wall, and check your smoke alarms have working batteries. In a fire, get out and call 999.

- [ ] Test every smoke alarm
- [ ] Fit a carbon monoxide alarm if you burn any fuel
- [ ] Put a torch by every bed
- [ ] Replace candles with battery lanterns or LED candles
- [ ] Mount a fire blanket near the kitchen door
- [ ] Store fuel and spare gas outside the living space
- [ ] Find manual releases for electric doors and gates
- [ ] Agree a meeting point outside