PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

How can you heat a room without electricity in a power cut?

Almost no UK central heating works in a power cut, because gas, oil and LPG boilers need electricity for their controls, spark, fan and pump. The safe ways to heat a room without mains power are a maintained wood burner or open fire, a gas fire that lights without power, or a portable gas heater made for indoor use, run with ventilation and a carbon monoxide

- [ ] Checked whether our gas fire or stove works without mains power
- [ ] Asked an installer about any back boiler
- [ ] Chimney swept and dry fuel stocked indoors
- [ ] EN 50291 carbon monoxide alarm fitted in every room with a flame
- [ ] Gas heater (if any) is indoor rated, with cylinder and regulator ready
- [ ] Stopcock found and tested, loft pipes lagged
- [ ] Hot water bottles, flasks and a sleeping bag per person ready
- [ ] Gas emergency 0800 111 999 and power cut 105 written down