PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

Home security in a blackout

Most homes stay secure in a power cut with ordinary habits: lock doors and windows, keep a light on a battery, and know your neighbours. Many burglar alarms have a backup battery, but mains cameras, electric gates and garage doors stop. Check each device before a cut so you know which ones need a manual plan.

- [ ] Check the age of your alarm's backup battery
- [ ] Find and try the manual release on garage doors and gates
- [ ] Fit an automatic light near the stairs and front door
- [ ] Keep keys reachable for everyone, away from the letterbox
- [ ] Agree a check-in routine with a neighbour
- [ ] Write 105 on a card by the front door