PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

What causes power cuts in the UK? Storms, faults and cyber attacks

Most UK power cuts come from faults on the local network: storms bringing trees onto overhead lines, underground cables damaged or worn out, and substation equipment failing or flooding. Some are planned maintenance and a few start at your own fuse box. The government has not said that cyber attacks, AI data centres or solar storms are expected to cause a UK

- [ ] Know where your fuse box is and how to reset a tripped switch
- [ ] Save 105 in your phone (03457 643643 in Northern Ireland)
- [ ] Find your network operator and load block letter at powercut105.com
- [ ] Put an automatic power cut light near the stairs
- [ ] Keep a charged lantern and a torch per person
- [ ] Keep a battery or wind-up FM radio
- [ ] Keep some cash in small notes and coins
- [ ] Have a sleeping bag or extra bedding per person
- [ ] Fit an audible CO alarm
- [ ] On a storm warning, charge everything and fill flasks