PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

What is a Black Sky event? How the UK would restart the grid

A Black Sky event is planners' shorthand for a prolonged, wide-area power outage that also disrupts water, phones, fuel, payments and transport. It is a scenario, not a forecast, and has never happened in the UK. The grid would be restarted by a black start, building up power islands from sites that start unaided. NESO must be able to restore 60% of each region

- [ ] Keep a battery or wind-up FM radio and note local frequencies
- [ ] Store 3 litres of water per person per day for three days
- [ ] Keep three days of food that needs no cooking, and a tin opener
- [ ] Keep torches and spare batteries, not candles
- [ ] Keep a charged power bank
- [ ] Keep cash in notes and coins, and printed contacts and medication lists
- [ ] Join the Priority Services Register if you qualify
- [ ] Know to unplug the TV and computer and switch off hot appliances
- [ ] Leave one light on to show when power returns
- [ ] Try a two-hour practice evening without mains power