PRINTABLE CHECKLIST

What to do in a power cut: the first hour

Check whether the cut is only in your home by looking at your fuse box and the street outside. If the neighbours are off too, report it on 105, switch off anything that makes heat, unplug the TV and computer, use a torch instead of candles and keep the fridge and freezer shut.

- [ ] Check the fuse box for a tripped switch
- [ ] Look outside to see if neighbours and street lights are off
- [ ] Report the cut on 105 (03457 643643 in Northern Ireland)
- [ ] Switch off the oven, hob, iron and electric heaters
- [ ] Unplug the TV and computer
- [ ] Leave one light switched on
- [ ] Use torches, not candles
- [ ] Keep the fridge and freezer closed
- [ ] Close doors and curtains to hold heat
- [ ] Check on vulnerable neighbours