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Outage Safety Checklist

Even the most reliable electrical service can go off sometimes. Print this list to keep on hand in case your power goes out.

- Check and see if your neighbors have electricity.** If they do, ask an adult to check your fuses or circuit breakers to rule out problems with electricity inside your home.
- Once you're sure it's an outage, call your local electric utility** and let them know. Do not call 911 unless you have a real emergency.
- Use a battery-powered radio and listen to your local radio station for updates.**
- Use a flashlight** when it gets dark. Avoid candles because of the fire risk.
- Turn off power strips and/or unplug computers, TVs, DVD players, as well as any other sensitive appliances.** This will avoid possible damage when electricity comes back on.
- Turn off all but one of the lights** that were on, so you will notice when electricity is restored.
- Turn off heat-producing appliances** like electric irons and heaters to prevent fires in case no one is home when power is restored.
- Traffic lights and railroad crossings may not work.** If you are in a car, remind the driver to stop, look, and listen for cross traffic.
- If you are stuck in an elevator, stay there and wait for help.** Never try to climb out between floors.