UNITY FIRE

Power cut? Keep your building fire safe.

During a long power cut, alarms and emergency lighting run on batteries that won't last forever, and the things people use to stay warm and see can start fires. These steps protect you and your neighbours.

Torches, not candles

Use battery torches and lanterns. If you must use a candle, put it in a proper holder on a stable surface, away from curtains, and never leave it or fall asleep with it lit.

No BBQs or gas heaters indoors

Never use a BBQ, patio heater or camping heater inside, on a balcony or in a stairwell. They cause fires and deadly carbon monoxide.

Charge safely

Charge phones and battery packs on a hard surface, never on beds or sofas, and don't leave them charging overnight. Use the charger that came with the device.

Know your way out in the dark

Walk your escape route in daylight. Keep a torch by your bed and your front door. Keep corridors and stairs clear of anything you could trip on.

Keep fire doors shut

Never wedge your flat door or communal doors open for light or air. A closed fire door holds back smoke and fire and keeps the stairs usable.

Generators stay outside

Only run a generator outdoors, well away from doors, windows and vents. Never store petrol or gas bottles in your flat, cupboards or communal areas.

Switch off before it's back

Turn off cookers, heaters, irons and hair straighteners during the cut, so nothing comes back on unattended when the power returns.

Check your alarms

Make sure your smoke alarm has a working battery. If you use anything that burns fuel, you need a working carbon monoxide alarm too.

If there's a fire

Follow your building's fire action notice. Get out if the fire is in your home, close the door behind you, and call **999**. If your building has a stay-put policy and the fire is elsewhere, stay in your flat with the door shut unless you're affected by heat or smoke, or told to leave.

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