



BLACKOUTS AND WINTER-STORMS

Environmental Health and Safety Department



During a Power Outage – Here are some TIPS to Follow

STAY CALM AND STAY PUT

- Do not become alarmed an RA or Police Officer will check to make sure you are safe. We recommend that you **Do Not** travel in a storm, especially when surfaces are slick with snow or ice.

MEDICINES AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS

- Be sure to have an adequate supply of medication and hygiene products in the event there is a power outage and you are required to leave on a moment's notice.

COMMUNICATION

- Have a charged cell phone available and a battery-powered radio or TV available to update you on the most current news.

FOOD

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Resist the urge to frequently check on foods. Move meats, cheese, milk etc. into the freezer compartment since it will stay colder longer.
- Have a supply of canned food with a manual can opener available.

EQUIPMENT

- Have flashlights and extra batteries readily accessible. **DO NOT** use **CANDLES** they may cause a fire.
- All Dorms are equipped with Emergency Lighting that will run on batteries for a specified amount of time.
- Land Line Phones are available and often remain operational even during power outages;
- If an outage occurs, disconnect appliances and sensitive electronic equipment to prevent any possible damage that could be caused by momentary power spike that could occur when service is restored.

TRAFFIC PRECAUTIONS

- Take appropriate precautions in winter storms especially when surfaces are slick with snow or ice.
- Be aware of the heavy pedestrian traffic on campus as you drive, and exercise caution near footpaths and crossings.

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- Copies of your important documents in a water-proof and portable container (insurance cards, birth certificate, deeds, photo identification, etc.)
- Extra set of car and house keys, Copies of credit and ATM cards and cash
- Bottled water and non-perishable food, like energy or granola bars
- Flashlight, First Aid Kit
- Battery operated AM/FM radio, and extra batteries
- List of the medications you take and their dos-ages, or copies of all your prescription slips, with doctor's names and phone numbers
- Lightweight raingear and Mylar blanket
- Contact and meeting place information for your dorm, and small regional map

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