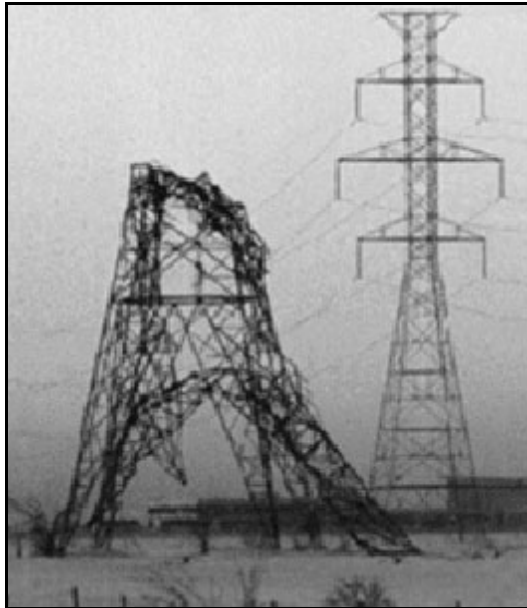


**When the electricity is off, take care when using alternative lighting, cooking and heating equipment.**



## **The Facts About Power Outages**

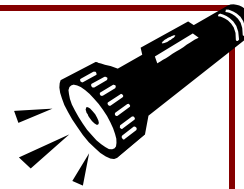


**Use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns instead of hurricane lamps or candles during a power outage.**

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## Key Messages:



- ✓ To reduce fire risk, use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns instead of candles or hurricane lamps during a power outage.
- ✓ If using candles, place them in a secure holder and cover them with a glass chimney. Put them in a place where they can't be knocked over, out of the reach of children and pets.
- ✓ Propane and charcoal barbecues are for outdoor use only. Do not bring them inside.
- ✓ Make sure electric stove elements and small appliances are OFF or unplugged to prevent fires from starting when the electricity is restored.
- ✓ Only use portable space heaters that have been designed for indoor use and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Provide adequate ventilation by opening a window slightly while the heater is in use. Before refueling, turn off the heater, wait for it to cool and take the heater outside to refuel.
- ✓ Electrically-connected smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms will not work when the power is out, unless they have battery back-ups. Make sure your home has a battery-operated smoke alarm on every storey and a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm.
- ✓ During the power outage, conduct regular safety checks of each room. Make sure everyone knows how to get out immediately if there is a fire. Practise your home fire escape plan.



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**Fact**

**Cordless phones will not work during a power outage. Make sure you have a least one phone that does not require electricity to operate.**

