What is a Blackout?

A blackout is a prolonged, usually supra-regional power, infrastructure and supply failure. Regional failures can often be repaired after hours, supra-regional failures only after several days.

A distinction must be made between shortterm technical disruptions (10 - 15 minutes) in the power supply.

How to recognize a Blackout?

Is the power supply only interrupted in my room/flat or also in my surroundings (neighbourhood, street lamps)? Are the telephone, radio and internet still working?



Where? What happened? Who is calling? Wait for questions!

For further questions you can contact us

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Civil protection and Catastrophe control

As the lower disaster control authority, the district is responsible for planning preventive measures to protect against disasters.

You can find more specific and useful information on self-protection at **www.bbk.bund.de**





Guide for emergency precautions and proper action



from the Federal agency for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief (BBK).



BLACKOUT - What to do, when the power goes out

Precaution for prolonged power outage (blackout) in communal residencies





Self-Protection

Once an emergency occurs, it is too late to prepare any extensive preventive measures. It takes time for help to arrive. Acting and preparing appropriately are called self-protection. Self-protection can help to bridge the time it takes for the firefighters, the rescue service or the disaster control to arrive. That is why you should familiarise yourself with self-protection ahead in time.

How are you warned in case of danger and how can you inform yourself?

- Warning-App NINA
- Warning-App KATWARN
- Radio or Sirens
- Announcements from fire trucks or police vehicles
- By social workers or security

What should you have in your room or flat?

- Food: durable groceries, such as jars and canned goods (Fruit and vegetables), cereals or grains and legumes, noodles, rice, crispbread, sugar, durable milk
- Cash (two weeks' worth of grocery shopping in paper and coin kept secured!)
- Medicine: Household medicine and personal essential drugs (e.g. Insulin)
- Hygiene products
- Torchlight and spare batteries
- A Radio (battery or solar) or crank radio
- Solar charger for Mobile phones
- Sleeping bags, blankets and warm clothing

Behavioural tips

- Stay calm
- Stay indoors, find a building or flat
- Stay home
- Keep doors and windows closed
- Inform neighbours and provide help if necessary
- Use water and torchlights sparingly.

Do not light an open fire within closed Rooms! There is a risk of fire, suffocation and poisoning!

Contact points for your communal residency

The first point of contact is always the social workers or the security staff. **Inform yourself now from the responsible social workers** about further contact points in the event of a crisis. Here you can receive help, information and make emergency calls.

What no power means in the regional district of Dahme-Spreewald?



Power outage



No Light From a simple book light to street lights



No clean water Shower, bath, cooking



No communication Phones, internet, television and emergency calls



No refrigeration Fridge, Freezer, neither private nor in stores



No money transactions ATMs, cash registers, payment transactions and gas stations



No Heating private or public



No shopping Food, beverage, Supermarket, goods transfer



No Medicine Emergency medicine, chronically ill

