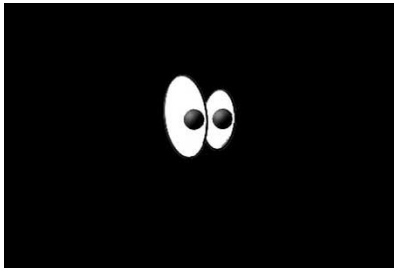


Top 10 things to do in a blackout

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The UK faces widespread power cuts for the first time since the 1970s.

According to the Government's own predictions, demand for electricity from homes and businesses is set to exceed the available supply within eight years.

Power rationing has not taken place in Britain since the 1970s, when a three-day week was brought in to preserve coal during a miners' strike.

It may be a few years off but it's always prudent to plan ahead for these things, so we've created a cast-iron list of 10 things to do in the event of a blackout.

Print it out (while you can) and keep it safe for when the lights go out.

1. Procreate
2. Pretend you've gone out for dinner at [Dans Le Noir](#)
3. Confront your demons
4. Play Murder in the Dark
5. Dig out those glow sticks from your raving days and have a party
6. Cultivate some mushrooms
7. Develop all those old camera films you've never found time to
8. Stub your toe
9. Scare your family/housemates by creeping up on them
10. Sleep

And five things to do if the blackout is during daylight hours...

1. Read that book you were given at Christmas
2. Go for a walk/to the park/climb a mountain, etc
3. Go to the woods and pretend you're Ray Mears
4. Coax an army of fireflies into your living room to light the place when it goes dark
5. Sleep