

# Winter storm safety

## Power Smart for Schools

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### Electricity

Be a detective and draw six things that use electricity (plug in or turn on) at home. Remember, if the power goes out, these things won't work.


### Downed power lines

You see a downed power line. Do you remember the easy three-word way to describe what you should do? Teach your family.

Down

Danger

Dial

## Get prepared!

These are things you can do before, during and after a power outage to get prepared for winter storms:

### Before

- Put together a home emergency kit. See **BC Hydro > Power outages** or **PreparedBC** for more detail.
- Make sure emergency equipment (flashlight, radio) is working properly.
- Make a Home Emergency Plan, including important local phone numbers.
- Use surge protectors to protect your electronic devices (e.g. computers, TVs).

### During

- Find out if the outage is just in your home or in other houses around you.
- Keep the doors of your fridge and freezer closed as much as possible to keep the cold air in.

### After

- Check if anything in your fridge or freezer needs to be thrown out.
- Turn appliances back on.
- Reset your clocks and alarms.
- Restock any supplies you used from the emergency kit.

Learn more about emergency kits and being prepared for power outages at **BC Hydro > Power outages** or **PreparedBC**.