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LOAD SHEDDING IS HERE TO STAY, SO IT'S BEST TO BE PREPARED

While the necessary repairs are being made at Eskom's power stations, we will likely experience regular power cuts for the next 18 months. These outages increase the risk of opportunistic crime, especially since load-shedding schedules are made public for everyone to see, including criminals. It's therefore important to take extra precautions to protect your home.

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Secure your home

Make sure your home is locked up and adequately secured (for example burglar bars) to reduce the risk of a burglary.



Be vigilant when arriving at or leaving your home

Keep a torch in your car when you arrive home in the dark and need to open gates.



Use other light sources

Use solar-powered or battery-operated lights when the power is out. It's a good idea to keep rechargeable torches and lights at home and in your car, and to make sure they are charged at all times.



If you have a generator, make sure it's installed safely

Never use a generator inside your home or in an enclosed area. Generators produce carbon monoxide, which is highly flammable and can be fatal if you inhale it.

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Test your alarm system

Alarm power packs and batteries can wear out faster during load shedding, resulting in reduced functionality.

- Test your alarm system regularly by activating it on purpose while the electricity is off to see if the battery is working.
- If you have a wireless alarm system, make sure that all your alarm peripherals have working batteries.
- Have your alarm system serviced at least twice a year.



Install reserve batteries for fences and gates

Install and maintain reserve batteries for electric fencing and gates to make sure they work during load shedding.



Unplug all appliances

Remember to unplug all electrical devices and equipment to avoid damage due to sudden surges when the power comes back on.

REVIEW YOUR NEDBANK INSURANCE HOMEOWNER'S COVER POLICY

Make sure you know what is covered and what is not covered under your homeowner's cover policy during load shedding. If you have any questions:

- call us on 0860 333 111; or
- email us at insurance@nedbank.co.za.

Talk to your insurance broker about any additional cover you may need.

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