



Unser  
**Landkreis  
Kronach**  
Oberfrankens Spitze

Information on the local  
concept of civil protection  
in the district of Kronach



**KatLeuchttürme** \*  
Bevölkerungsnaher Katastrophenschutz

## **Dear fellow citizens,**

even if we feel safe here, we cannot rule out events that could fundamentally change the everyday life in our society.

Therefore it is important to be well prepared.

With this small brochure, we would like to sensitize you to the possibility of a major catastrophic event (widespread power blackout lasting several days or, for example, a major storm) and offer some advice - also in terms of personal precautions.

The following information is provided in accordance with the instructions of the Federal Office for Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance (German shortcut: BBK). Further information is available at: [www.bbk.bund.de](http://www.bbk.bund.de)

For more information please contact your municipality.

Read this information carefully and keep the brochure ready to hand. If you have any questions please turn to the contact person in your town hall.

Your district administrator

Klaus Löffler

# Warning of the public

If the public needs to be warned, e.g. in case of a major catastrophic event, this will be done via loudspeaker announcements from vehicles, via radio or via warning apps on smartphones.

If you use a smartphone you should download the warning-app „NINA“ of the BBK right now already.



These QR-codes lead directly to the download:

Play Store:



App Store:



The sirens that you hear for example every first Saturday of the month are, in the district of Kronach, used to alert the fire brigade and do not indicate a major catastrophic event.

# “Kat-Leuchtturm”

## Your point of contact in case of an incident

### 1. Emergency meeting point

There will be an emergency meeting point in every fire station if there is a power blackout lasting more than an hour.

Emergency calls can be made here if the mobile network or telephone lines are not working. If you notice a power blackout lasting several hours at night, report this to the integrated control center (telephone number: 112), which will then set the alarm chain in motion. For more information please contact your municipality.

### 2. Kat-Leuchtturm

If you need further support in case of an incident, the "Kat-Leuchtturm" is your point of contact. "Kat-Leuchtturm" means "Lighthouse in case of a catastrophe".

The Kat-Leuchtturm has an emergency power supply and heatable rooms.

Here you can get help and information. There is a Kat-Leuchtturm in every municipality. The operating times of the Kat-Leuchtturm depend on the nature of the hazard and can vary locally. For more information please contact your municipality.

# Evacuation

If there is a major catastrophic event (e.g. flood, storm or other natural disaster) due to which an area of your community has to be evacuated, you will be prompted to leave the area via radio / television, loudspeaker announcements and/or via app (NINA).

Take only the essentials with you (see also [www.bbk.bund.de](http://www.bbk.bund.de) for guides “disasters Alarm” and “catastrophes alarme”).

Go to the nearest emergency meeting point. There you will receive information on the evacuation process. If you are unable to get to the meeting point on your own, ask your relatives or neighbors for help or call the emergency number that is announced on the radio.

## Checklist - Evacuation

- Listen to the radio, watch TV and check the NINA app and the website of the "Federal Office for Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance": [www.bbk.bund.de](http://www.bbk.bund.de)
- Inform your neighbours and support those in need in your neighbourhood.
- Prepare your home for a longer absence:
  - ▶ Switch off electrical devices
  - ▶ Reduce heating, switch off ventilation and air conditioning
  - ▶ Extinguish open flames
  - ▶ Close doors and windows tightly
- Leave the endangered area by private or public transport. If this is not possible, walk to the nearest emergency meeting point or Kat-Leuchtturm.

# **Power outage**

## **How to behave correctly:**

Turn off all line-powered devices. As soon as the power is restored, turn on one device after another. Otherwise there is a risk of overloading the power grid.

If your phone is still working, only call the emergency numbers in extreme emergencies. Avoid unnecessary calls as there is a risk of overloading the network. Listen to the radio instead.

Wear warm clothing, depending on the time of the year. This helps to compensate for heating failures. Make sure you have a flashlight to compensate for the lack of electric light.

Consume food from the fridge and freezer first, before using up non-refrigerated supplies.

If you need help or want to inform yourself about the regional situation, go to the nearest emergency meeting point.

## Checklist – Power outage

- Start stocking up on drinking water and food today (see also [www.bbk.bund.de](http://www.bbk.bund.de))
- Take precautions in order to be able to look after relatives in need of care yourself for a period of time if necessary. Keep medication and hygiene items in stock for at least five days.
- Make sure you have a battery powered radio or crank-radio. In case of a power outage you receive important information from the authorities this way. If necessary, you can also use your smartphone as a radio. Turn off bluetooth and WiFi connection on your phone. This way you can save energy and your battery will last longer. If necessary, also use power banks for your mobile phone / smartphone. These are also available as solar- or crank-power banks.
- Keep a supply of candles and torches (e. g. a twist torch or solar and LED lights), as well as spare lamps, batteries, matches or lighters, candles etc. in your house.
- You can prepare smaller meals on a camping stove.
- If you have a wood-burning stove, stock up on wood, briquettes or coal.
- Always keep a certain amount of cash at home. In the event of a power outage, ATMs and electronic payment methods will no longer work.
- Make sure you always have enough fuel in your vehicle. In case of a power blackout the gas stations will not work.

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<https://www.landkreis-kronach.de/>

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(BBK)

Under the tab „Warnung & Vorsorge“ and the subfolder „Vorsorge für den Notfall“ you can also find a guide for emergency preparedness and correct action in emergency situations in English.

<https://www.bbk.bund.de/>

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