# 15-Minute Power Outage Drill

This is an exercise.

You are the Supervisor or Charge Nurse of your Department in your facility.

You have been informed by the facilities department of a planned power outage. This will take place 48 hours from now.

Your facility will be without power for 6-9 hours.

## What would you do?

1. Do you have written plans for power outage?
2. Who/which departments need to be part of the discussion defining what your plans will be?
3. How will you assist the nursing department in providing power for the patients who need power for medical devices? (Maintenance)
4. Do patients have any medications that need refrigeration or freezing? (Nursing)
5. If you are unable to provide all of the services you normally do, how would you prioritize?
6. What services could you postpone for 6-9 hours?
7. Are there any extra supplies that you will need?
8. Any concerns about food for patients/staff?
9. What are your greatest concerns?

Note: This could expand into a longer tabletop exercise, if desired.

## After action review (AAR) questions to ask:

These questions establish a common understanding of the real situation that occurred or for the exercise scenario presented. The facilitator should encourage and promote discussion around these questions. The differences should be explored:

1. What was supposed to happen?
2. What actually did happen?
3. Why were there differences?

These questions generate reflection about the successes and failures during the event or exercise:

1. What worked? (Identify 3 successes)
2. What didn’t work? (Identify 3 opportunities for improvement)
3. Why?

This question is intended to help identify specific actionable recommendations. The facilitator asks AAR participants for clear, achievable and future-oriented recommendations. Include the successes and improvements from above questions in your AAR:

1. What would you do differently next time?

\*\*\*\*See AAR Report template on next page\*\*\*\*

# After Action Report

Date:

Names of staff participating in this discussion:

STRENGTHS   
List strengths here.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT   
List Areas of Improvement here.

RECOMMENDATIONS  
List Recommendations here.

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS  
Insert Conclusion here, who will address issues and what is the timeline for changes.