

Don't Scare the Kids

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Early in the hours of the morning, we temporarily lost our internet, which means that we had no internet, but also no telephone, or cable. These services were off for approximately one hour. As I sat there without these useful utilities, I began to think that if it were electric, we would have no electric for that hour.

As an adult, this predicament was no problem, however, suppose it was dark, and you had small children. They could conceivably become scared, therefore, I devised a simple solution for that problem.

Why not install one of those battery-operated push lights inside of the little ones nightstand? These small lights can easily provide enough luminosity to ward off any frightening issues the child might encounter. The lights can be easily mounted inside the draw with adhesive strips. All the small child would need to do is open the draw, and gently push on the top of the light. There would be no need to fumble inside the draw for a flashlight. As a backup, however, I do include flashlights in the draws as an alternate means of light, or in the event they need to shine a stream of light under the bed, or in their closet, in search of monsters, or things that go bump in the night. Around our home we keep flashlights in every room of the house just in case of the loss of electric, as well as a small pocket one in the circuit breaker box. The flashlights are in immediate reach. In addition to the flashlights, I keep scissors, candles, and cigarette lighters readily available as well.

We currently have one of these push lights in our laundry closet, and it provides sufficient light to work in there with the washer, and dryer. They are also a great aid under the kitchen cabinets where light might be needed, but the normal overhead lights may not reach.