

# 5 tips to beat load shedding when WFH

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Planning and organisation are fundamental requirements and skills for all, whether it be in your personal or work life. However, with load shedding, this has become even more crucial. Despite the lack of power, we are still required to meet our commitments and delivery goals and, as load shedding is not going anywhere, the quicker we are equipped to work within these parameters the better.



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Many companies have put a backup plan in place to ensure employees can continue working during load shedding. For individuals who have a hybrid working arrangement, the onus may fall on them to ensure they have a plan in place to continue working when the power goes out if they are not at the office. Here are five tips to keep connected during working hours at home:

- **Install a UPS backup for Wi-Fi** – This will allow you to stay connected even during load shedding periods. UPS systems are more affordable compared to inverters, generators, or solar power solutions, and they can provide you with the necessary connectivity to continue working.
- **Charge your devices** – Ensure all your devices, such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones, are fully charged before load shedding commences. This will enable you to remain productive during power outages without having to rely on external power sources. By having your devices ready, you can avoid falling behind on your work or having to play catch-up later.

- **Keep a power bank handy** – Having a power bank on standby is a smart move. It can be a lifesaver when your devices start running out of battery during load shedding. A fully charged power bank will provide an additional power source to keep your devices functioning, ensuring uninterrupted work.
- **Identify alternative workspaces** – If you have the flexibility to work remotely and don't have a backup power supply at home, it is essential to have a list of coffee shops, coworking spaces, or other establishments with Wi-Fi that operate during load shedding. This way, you can relocate to these places and continue working without disruptions.
- **Stay informed** – Load shedding schedules can change frequently, making it challenging to anticipate power outages. By using Eskom Se Push app or other reliable sources, you can stay updated on the schedules and plan your work accordingly. Being informed about upcoming load shedding will help you manage your time effectively and prioritise tasks.

The frequency of load shedding means it's now part of our daily lives and can no longer be an excuse for non-delivery or unavailability when it comes to work commitments such as joining a virtual meeting. By implementing these tips and being prepared, you can work efficiently during load shedding, ensuring that your work commitments are met, virtual meetings are attended, and you remain connected even in challenging power(less) situations.

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