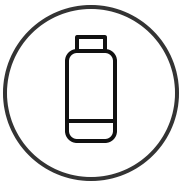
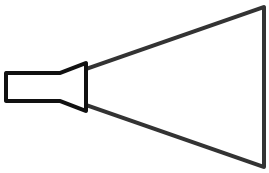
Choose light for the task

Different lights serve different jobs



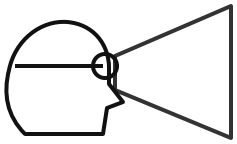
Lantern

Shared room or table



Flashlight

Carry and direct a beam



Headlamp

Hands-free light

Light patterns are conceptual, not measured beams or household coverage. Check the light and its power source before an outage.

Sources: CDC power sources; Red Cross emergency supplies

General planning reference. Follow current local emergency instructions and the full guide's conditions. Reviewed 2026-11-02.

Full guide: https://kitauthority.com/preparedness/emergency-lantern-vs-flashlight

CDC power sources: https://www.cdc.gov/prepare-your-health/take-action/power-sources.html

Red Cross emergency supplies: https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html