

Why might I want a Battery Back Up/PowerReserve?

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There are several reasons to have a Verizon Battery Back Up/PowerReserve installed.

There is no dial tone when there is a power outage. The Alarm Panel, which has its own Battery Back Up, must have dial tone to send a signal when triggered. No dial tone = no signal sent. VoIP phone service, no matter the provider, has no dial tone during a power outage. However, Verizon has a solution for this; the BBU/PowerReserve unit.

Having a Verizon Battery Back Up/PowerReserve is highly recommended and mandatory in some villages. We want you to make a well informed decision. Here are some facts and scenarios you should be aware of:

- 1) The BBU's exceed FCC regulations.
- 2) The Life Span of the batteries is approximately 7 to 8 years.
- 3) The usable life of the batteries is approximately 34 - 35 hours.
- 4) The BBU is installed, left in the ON position and allows the Alarm Panel in our homes to send a signal during a power outage. Without the BBU installed, there is no dial tone to the Alarm Panel and so it can not function.
- 5) The BBU is a one time cost of approximately \$44.98, including batteries and installation if installed during the installation period.
- 6) There are many examples of why the BBU is desirable. Here are only two.
 - a. Scenario: The power is out, there is no BBU installed, you fall, you can not reach your cell phone, there is no dial tone to your home phone. You can reach a Red Panic Button - but it will not send a signal because there is no BBU installed providing dial tone.
 - b. Scenario: The power is out, there is no BBU installed, a fire starts in another part of the house, you do not hear the smoke alarm or smell the smoke until the fire is well underway, the smoke alarms cannot send a signal because there is no BBU installed providing dial tone.
- 7) Even if you have a cell phone, if you are away and a fire starts in your home during a power outage and there is no BBU, your neighbors are at risk because the Smoke Alarms in your home can not send a Signal. This is just one of the reasons why the BBU is mandatory in some villages.