

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OBSERVATORY STAFF

As most of you will know, there are two types of power points at the Observatory. There are important differences between them.

U.P.S. (orange powerpoints)

U.P.S. (which stands for Uninterruptable Power Supply), provides protection against power outages. The system works by, supplying power from batteries which are constantly, recharged by the council mains. In the event of a power failure, the batteries will continue to provide power for up to 30 minutes, depending on, how much equipment is drawing power from it, before they go flat and the U.P.S. power fails.

U.P.S. power should therefore only be used for computers and equipment critical to the operation of the Telescope.

Rule: If the telescope cannot run without it, or, it would be damaged if it lost power at random, then it should be on the U.P.S. power, if possible.

Normal (white powerpoints)

Normal power should be used by other equipment. Examples include: power tools, test equipment" vacuum cleaners. Basically, if the Telescope can run without it, or it will not be damaged if you turn it off at the power point at any time - then it should use normal power