



## Transcript

### Extract from a debate in the House of Commons about blackouts in January 1940

2. By far the greater part of the fatal accidents [when people die] take place during the "black-out". Figures were obtained specially for October, November and December to show the number of persons killed during the "hours of darkness" (i.e. the "black-out") and are as follows:-

	Hours of Darkness	"Other" hours	Total
October	564	355	919
November	674	252	926
December	896	260	1,156

The "black-out" casualties increase as the days grow shorter.

[Note: this is in the winter months when the clocks 'go back an hour' so that it gets darker earlier in the evening and lighter in the morning.]