

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery: A Practice that Could Save Your Life

The Albemarle County Department of Fire Rescue reminds the community to change the batteries in smoke alarms to coincide with the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. This is a good time to change smoke alarm batteries. Its a simple task that could save your life in the event of a household fire.

It's not enough to just have smoke alarms installed in your home, you have to make sure they are in working order. Working fire alarms are a first-line defense in reducing the number of home related fire deaths and injuries, and the end of Daylight Saving Time is a perfect opportunity for individuals to actively participate in fire prevention by changing the batteries in their smoke alarms.

A working smoke alarm dramatically increases a persons chance of surviving a fire. About 80 percent of fire deaths nationwide occur in the home and research shows that the chances of dying in a residential fire are cut in half when a working smoke alarm is present. In the event of a fire, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms will provide an early warning signal to your household. This alarm could save your own life and those of your loved ones by providing the chance to escape.