

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS – CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a home fire.



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"Fire is Everyone's Fight"

A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having **no** smoke alarm at all. Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years or earlier if not working properly or follow the manufacturer's recommendation for specific alarms regarding their replacement.

A smoke alarm only works when it is properly installed **and** maintained. Depending on how your smoke alarm is powered (9-volt, 10-year lithium, or hardwired), you'll have to maintain it according to manufacturer's instructions.

Have smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires occur late at night or early in the morning, so the U.S. Fire Administration recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas in your home.

Installing your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm following the manufacturer's recommendations will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions or contact your local fire department if you need further assistance.

Never disable a smoke alarm while cooking

A smoke alarm is just doing its job when it sounds while you're cooking or taking a shower with lots of steam.

- If a smoke alarm sounds while you're cooking or taking a shower with lots of steam, **do not** remove the battery. You should:
- Open a window or door and press the "hush" button,
- Wave a towel at the alarm to clear the air, or