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Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

The Chino Valley Fire District reminds residents to change the batteries in their home smoke alarms when setting clocks one hour ahead for Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 11, 2018. Working smoke alarms play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, there were 2,950 civilian home fire fatalities in the United States in 2016, the most recent year for which statistics are available. An estimated two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or in homes with smoke alarms that failed to operate properly, according to the National Fire Protection Association. The NFPA reported that dead or missing batteries are the most common reasons for smoke alarms to fail.

The Chino Valley Fire District offers residents the following tips to help keep your family protected and smoke alarms in good working order:

- Test smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms at least twice a year
- Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years, or in accordance with manufacturer guidelines
- Do not disable smoke alarms, even temporarily
- Vacuum regularly and/or dust your smoke alarms to keep them working properly
- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery operated smoke alarm
- Develop and practice a family escape plan so that everyone in your home knows what to do if the smoke alarm rings

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