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Change Smoke Alarm Batteries When Changing Clocks

Chino Valley Fire encourages you to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and test them by pushing the test button when you move your clocks forward for Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Working smoke alarms play a vital role in reducing fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. The NFPA reports that dead or missing batteries are the most common reason smoke alarms fail.

Chino Valley Fire offers the following tips to help keep your 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
- Do not disable smoke alarms, even temporarily
- Vacuum and dust your smoke alarms regularly to keep them working properly
- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-operated smoke alarm
- Replace smoke alarms every ten years, or in accordance with manufacturer guidelines
- 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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