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Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

The Chino Valley Fire District reminds the public to change the batteries in home smoke alarms when changing clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Changing the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks is a simple, yet effective way to protect your family. If you have a 10-year lithium-powered smoke alarm, you do not need to replace the battery; however, you should test it once a month and replace the entire alarm after 10 years from the manufacture date printed on the back of the alarm.

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. According to the NFPA, almost three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (40%) or no working smoke alarms (17%).

The Chino Valley Fire District offers residents the following tips to help ensure safety:

- Test smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button
- Replace the batteries in smoke alarms at least twice a year
- For 10-year lithium-powered smoke alarms, you won't need to replace the battery. Instead, **replace the entire alarm after 10 years from the manufacture date on the back of the alarm.**
- Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years, or in accordance with manufacturer guidelines
- Do not disable smoke alarms, even temporarily
- Vacuum or dust smoke alarms regularly to keep them working properly
- Develop and practice an emergency escape plan so that everyone in your home knows what to do if a smoke alarm activates

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