



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

The Office of Fire Prevention wants to remind you to change the battery in your home smoke detectors when you change the time on your clocks!

There is no question, smoke detectors save lives. The simple effort of changing the batteries in your smoke detector twice a year could mean the difference between life and death. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke detectors. Below are a few safety tips to help ensure safety year round.

- Change the batteries in your smoke detector twice a year**
- Test smoke detectors once a month by pushing the test button**
- Do not disable smoke detectors, not even temporarily**
- Vacuum regularly or dust smoke detectors to keep them in good working order**
- Replace smoke detectors every 10 years**
- Develop and practice a home escape plan so that everyone in your home knows what to do if the smoke detector goes off**

The Office of Fire Prevention hopes the information in this flyer will help keep you and your family safe. Please remember that fire prevention is your best course of action. We encourage you to learn more about fire and life safety by visiting our website at <https://www.odu.edu/emergency>