

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST A HOME FIRE



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As part of the
***“CHANGE YOUR CLOCK,
CHANGE YOUR BATTERY”***
annual home
safety campaign, the
Miamisburg Fire Department
urges you to adopt a simple,
potentially life-saving habit:
change the batteries in your
smoke alarm when you
change your clocks back
to standard time this fall.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:



Each day an average of three kids die in home fires - 1,100 children each year. About 3,600 children are injured in house fires each year. 90 % of child fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.



Although smoke alarms are in 92 % of American homes, nearly 1/3 don't work because of old or missing batteries.



A working smoke alarm reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half.

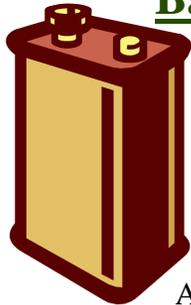
“Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery”

campaign sponsors encourage you to arm yourself against home fires by taking some basic home fire safety precautions, including installing fresh batteries in smoke alarms. Enclosed is a list of activities to help you prepare for a home fire and protect yourself and your loved ones.



HOME FIRE SAFETY LIST: Simple Changes That Could Save Your Life

Change Your Smoke Alarm Batteries:

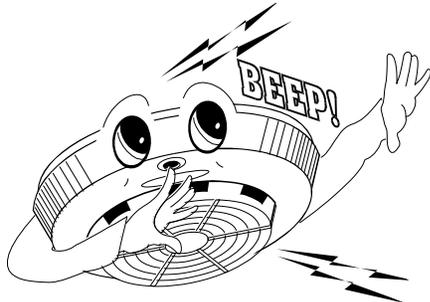


The International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC) and fire experts nationwide encourage people to change smoke alarm batteries at least annually.

An easy way to remember to change your batteries is when you turn your clock back in the fall. Replace old batteries with fresh, high-quality alkaline batteries, to keep your smoke alarm going year-long.

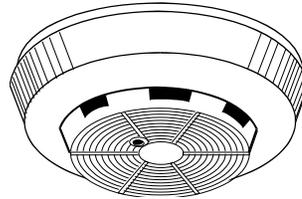
Check Your Smoke Alarms:

After inserting a fresh battery in your smoke alarm, check to make sure the smoke alarm itself is working by pushing the safety test button.



Count Your Smoke Alarms:

Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, including one in every bedroom and one outside each sleeping area.



Vacuum Your Smoke Alarms:

Each month, clean your smoke alarm of dust and cobwebs to ensure their sensitivity.

Change Your Flashlight Batteries:

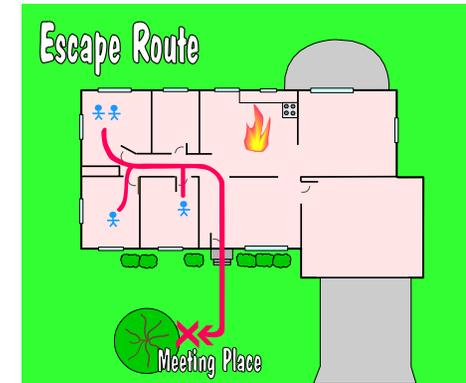
To make sure your emergency flashlights work when you need them, use high-quality alkaline batteries.

NOTE: keep a working flashlight near your bed, in the kitchen, basement, and family room, and use it to signal for help in the event of a fire.



Install Fire Extinguishers:

Install a fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen and know how to use it. Should you need to purchase one, the IAFC recommends a multi-or-all-purpose fire extinguisher that is listed by an accredited testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory.



Plan and Practice Your Escape:

Create at least two (2) different escape routes and practice them with the entire family. Children are at double the risk of dying in a home fire because they often become scared and confused during fires. Make sure your children understand that a smoke alarm signals a home fire and that they recognize its alarm.