

Change Your Clock Change Your Battery



The Danger:

According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) statistics, over 6,000 deaths occur in house fires each year. Most people die from smoke and toxic gases rather than the fire itself. Many never even wake up. Most fire deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and your family by:

- Purchasing one or more smoke detectors.
- Install your detectors properly.
- Identify escape routes and practice escaping.
- Maintain your detectors.

What kind should I buy?

Smoke detectors can be either powered by electrical current or battery operated. Either kind does a good job.

Make sure the model you choose has been listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (Underwriters Laboratory or Factory Mutual).

How much does a smoke detector cost?

A smoke detector may be purchased at most retail stores for about \$10.00 - \$30.00.

How many should I have in my house?

There should be at least one smoke detector in every household. Additional detectors will significantly increase your chances of survival. It is recommended that there is at least one smoke detector on every level of your house.

Installation is Simple

If you can handle a screwdriver, you can install most smoke detectors.

Where should I install my smoke detectors?

Smoke detectors should be placed on the ceiling or high on a wall near the bedrooms. This enables the detector to sense the smoke as it approaches the sleeping area. Install

your smoke detector away from air outlet vents to prevent dust accumulation. Call your local (use the **non-emergency phone number** only, it may be found in the phone book)

Fire Department for advice or assistance with the installation of smoke detectors.

How do I install my smoke detectors?

- Battery-operated and "plug-in" electric detectors can be attached directly to the ceiling or wall.
- "Wired-in" electric detectors are somewhat more difficult to install and may require an electrician.

Know How to Escape

Your smoke detector will awaken you, but you may not be thinking clearly. You should practice escaping before an emergency strikes. Learn more about fire escape plans [here](#).

Why?

Once a fire has started, it spreads rapidly. You may have only seconds to get out. Usual

exits from bedrooms may be blocked by smoke or fire. It is important everyone knows exactly what to do.

Identify Escape Routes

Plan two exits from every room. Second story windows may need a rope or chain ladder to enable occupants to escape safely. Choose a meeting place outside the home so you'll know everyone has escaped.

Practice Escaping

Practice allows you to test your plan before a real emergency. You may not be able to reach your children! It is important that they know exactly what to do.

Maintenance is Important

Your smoke detector must be maintained properly to provide you and your family with protection.

How do I maintain my smoke detectors?

- Replace batteries and bulbs according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Remember to change batteries when you change your clocks!

- . Dust or vacuum the grill of your detector.
- . Test your detector periodically according to the manufacturer's instructions.

When we change our clocks?

Daylight Saving Time begins for most of the United States at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday of March. Time reverts to standard time at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of November. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

In the European Union, Summer Time begins and ends at 1 am Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time). It starts the last Sunday in March, and ends the last Sunday in October. In the EU, all time zones change at the same moment.

See more information about elsewhere in the world.

Spring forward, Fall back

During DST, clocks are turned forward an hour, effectively moving an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening.