

# PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST A HOME

## FIRE



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As part of the  
***“CHANGE YOUR CLOCK,  
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annual home  
safety campaign, the  
Miami Valley Fire District  
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.

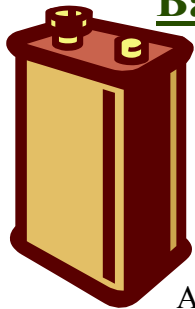
***“Change Your Clock,  
Change Your Battery”***

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:

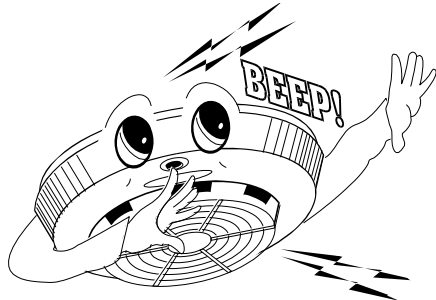


The International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC) and fire experts nationwide encourage people to change smoke alarm batteries at least annually.

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.

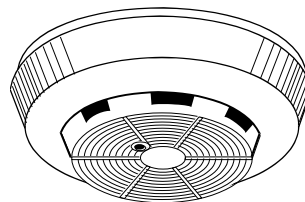
## Check Your Smoke Alarms:

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.



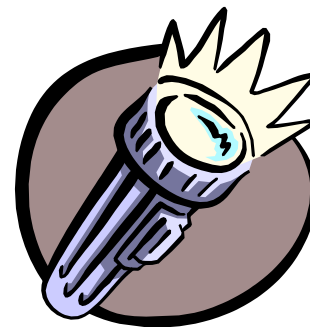
## Vacuum Your Smoke Alarms:

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

## Change Your Flashlight Batteries:

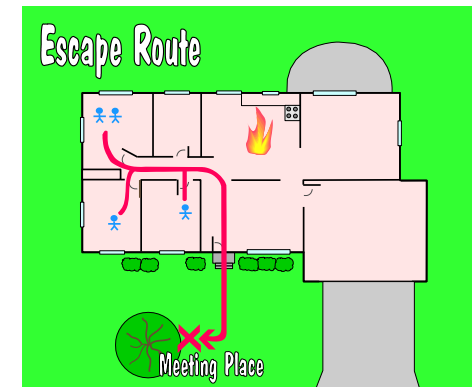
To make sure your emergency flashlights work when you need them, use high-quality alkaline batteries.

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.