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## **Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries**

Punxsutawney Phil the Groundhog may have seen his shadow this year, but six more weeks of winter doesn't mean Daylight Savings Time is delayed by six weeks.

You know what that means, change your clocks, change your batteries!

Sunday, March 8 is Daylight Savings Time. It's time to Spring Forward one hour. While phones, computers, and tablets may change themselves, it's up to you to keep yourself and your family safe by changing your smoke alarm batteries.

Having working smoke alarms save lives, that tell-tale beeping can get everyone out safely and avoid tragedy. An alarm should be installed on every floor of your home; also, in every bedroom and outside of all sleeping areas. Just installing a smoke alarm is NOT enough. It needs to be tested monthly and the batteries changed every year.

As well as working smoke alarms, every household should have an evacuation plan. Practice it! Make sure everyone knows how to get out and where to meet. Never go back inside a burning building! If someone is missing, inform the dispatcher when you call 911. Firefighters have the proper training to perform rescues.

A working smoke alarm can decrease a family's risk of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent. Batteries from household smoke alarms may be recycled at your nearest household recycling facility. For a list of household hazardous waste locations and additional fire safety information, visit our website at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

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