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TIME TO CHANGE

Every year we change our clocks either forward or backward, depending on the time of year, but do we remember to change our batteries in our smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors or even our flashlights? Something so simple can affect your life, statistics even support that claim. According to the latest statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) there is a fire every 22 seconds, a structure fire every 82 seconds, a civilian injury every 40 minutes, and roughly 8 people die in home fires every day.

Having working smoke alarms AND a home fire escape plan increases your chance of survival in a home fire. The major causes of home structure fires are cooking equipment, heating/electrical equipment and smoking material. San Bernardino County Fire wants to make sure that everyone knows what to do to make their home and lives safer, that is why we are once again spreading the news.

Make sure that when you change your clock on Sunday, November 7 that you also check, and replace if necessary, batteries in all your home safety equipment. Find ways to include everyone in your home to be on the look-out for safety issues; the more eyes the better!

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