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## **Every Time Traveler Needs Fresh Batteries**

Alright folks, it's time to do some time traveling! Let's do the Time Warp again!

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

Sunday, November 1 is Daylight Savings Time. Time is about to get Wiggly Wobbly and Fall Back 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 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. And 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 perishing in a fire by nearly 50 percent. Batteries from household smoke alarms may be recycled at your nearest Household Hazard Waste Collection Facility. For a list of household hazardous waste collection locations and additional fire safety information, visit <http://sbcfire.org/hazmat/hhwcollection.aspx>.

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