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"CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES"

The time has come to turn ahead our clocks to daylight savings time. That brings up another important item, State Fire Marshal Bill Degnan reminds everyone to change their smoke detector batteries, when you change your clocks this Sunday.

Approximately 80 percent of home fire deaths in New Hampshire this past year resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. The recent fatal fire investigation in Candia revealed that there was no operational smoke detector.

Smoke alarms are electronic devices and have a life expectancy per the manufacturers of approximately 10 years. You should follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing and replacement of these life saving devices.

Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning device available. Because fires grow and spread so quickly, having a working smoke alarm and residential fire sprinkler system in your home can mean the difference between life and death. If a home fire occurs, smoke alarms cut your chances of dying nearly in half.

“ Test Your Smoke Alarms”