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## Change the Batteries with the Time Change

The Ontario Fire Marshal is encouraging everyone to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when they change their clocks this weekend.

Besides the fact that it is the law to have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, smoke alarms provide an early warning to inhabitants that there may be an emergency.



Smoke alarms frequently do not operate due to dead batteries or disconnected units. Smoke alarms are essential to detecting smoke in the early stages of fire.

Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and replaced if they are more than 10 years old. When installing smoke alarms, always make sure that you follow the manufactures specifications. Also, it is important that everyone knows what to do if a smoke alarm sounds. For more information on emergency planning for your home, please visit the website of your local fire department.

Stay Safe,

Julie Ineson