

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Press Release

Subject: Change your clock – change your smoke alarm battery

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Did you remember to change your clock? Did you remember to change your smoke alarm battery? The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District wants to remind everyone to change the batteries in your residential smoke alarms when you change your clocks this weekend. When you change your clocks, remember to change your smoke alarm batteries – twice each year!

Working smoke alarms save lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association, nationally, 40% of all home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms. The death rate per 100 reported fires was twice as high in homes without a working smoke alarm as it was in home fires with this protection. In 2009, a total of six (6) fire deaths occurred in the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District; three (3) of those deaths were attributed to fires in homes with no smoke alarms.

If you don't have a smoke alarm in your home, take steps now to purchase and install a working smoke alarm in every bedroom of your home as well as the hallway immediately outside of any bedrooms. Smoke alarms are an inexpensive safety device and can be purchased from most hardware stores. If you are a landlord or property owner who rents or leases an apartment or residential dwelling, it is your legal responsibility to furnish functioning smoke alarms in occupancies you rent to others.

Remember – A WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!

[ATTACHMENT – SMOKE DETECTOR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM]