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Daylight Savings: Time to change your smoke alarm batteries

The Hinsdale Fire Department urges residents to change their smoke alarm batteries when changing their clock for Daylight Saving Time this Sunday, March 11. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire.

United States Fire Administration estimates that over 80 percent of all fire deaths occur in the home and that 90 percent of child deaths occur in homes that do not have a working smoke detector. The poisonous smoke and gasses emitted by a fire are the major cause of these deaths. Illinois State law requires that there are working smoke detectors within 15 feet of all sleeping rooms and on all floors of residential homes.

This is also a great time to review home fire safety practices with family members. Don't forget to include reviewing fire safety practices for your children who are in college and living in college housing units. Make sure that all occupants of your home are able to hear those smoke detectors sounding while they are asleep. Recent studies in both areas have shown that further education and practice are needed.

Residents are also reminded of the new Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act, effective January 1, 2007. This law requires all homeowners and landlords to install carbon monoxide detectors in all buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact the Village Fire Department at (630) 789-7060 or fire@villageofhinsdale.org.

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