



NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: Change Your Clocks an Hour Behind – Don't Forget to Change Your Batteries

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Irvine, CA – The clocks are moving back an hour this Sunday morning, November 3, at 2 a.m. It's also a great time to check your smoke alarms and change the batteries. According to the Orange County Fire Authority, whenever the time changes is the best time to check your smoke alarm and change their batteries! Nationally, approximately 75% of failed smoke alarms are due to missing batteries.

We are asking the community to join the OCFA in efforts to reduce the risk. Our smoke alarm campaign, "Install, Inspect, Protect" is a great way to remember some vital information. Key components include:

Install:

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside each sleeping area, and in every hallway leading to sleeping areas.
- Replace the entire unit every 10 years.

Inspect:

- Test your hard-wired and battery operated smoke alarms every month.
- Change the batteries twice a year, when changing your clocks for both battery operated and hard wired smoke alarms.
- Clean your smoke alarms every year.

Protect:

- Plan a home escape plan and ensure that everyone in the household knows the sound the alarm makes and what to do if they hear it.
- Identify two ways out of each room and designate a meeting place outside the home to account for family members in the event of an emergency.
- Practice your home fire drills every six months and remember to crawl low under the smoke & go.
- Call 911 immediately and ensure that everyone knows your Home Escape Plan.

**Now is the time to check your smoke alarms and change the batteries too.
You could be saving the lives of yourself and others.**

For more valuable information, please visit "Install, Inspect Protect" at www.ocfa.org and on [Facebook](#).

For other important safety information, please call (714) 573-6200

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