



Bakersfield Composite Squadron #121



60-Second Safety Advisor #7

Time to Change Smoke Detector Batteries

As the "fall back" hour signaling the change from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time approaches, it is time to make another change that could save your family's lives - changing the batteries in your smoke alarms.

While more than 90 percent of American homes have smoke alarms, nearly one-third of those alarms do not work. Non-working smoke alarms rob a home's occupants of all the protective benefits that house fire safety devices were designed to provide. Worn-out or missing batteries are the most common cited cause of non-working smoke alarms.

Changing smoke alarm batteries once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce fire deaths and injuries. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a house fire in half. Consider using a few minutes of the "extra" hour you save from the time change to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and then test them by pushing the test button.

