



*SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT*  
Public Information Office

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Media Advisory

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**It's Daylight Savings Time!**  
**Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries**

**FACT: Smoke detectors save lives!**

Each year, thousands of people are alerted to fire in their homes simply because they have working smoke detectors. Fire deaths are most often caused by inhaling the toxic smoke and gases emitted by early-stage fires. The early warning smoke detectors give can make the difference between life and death for you or a family member.

**FACT: Batteries don't last forever!**

Fire departments across the nation recommend changing your smoke detector batteries at least two times per year, at the same time you set your clocks for daylight savings. Why? Because it's easy to remember and because it could save your life.

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