



Change Your Clock Change Your Battery

2007 marks the 20th year the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), Energizer batteries and thousands of firefighters have been helping save lives through the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program.

The program continues to focus efforts on senior citizens and families with children. Senior citizens and children are at twice the risk of dying in a home fire. Sadly, approximately 1,000 children under the age of 20 die each year in house fires—an average of nearly three per day. Many of these tragedies could be avoided with working smoke alarms. Eighty percent of these deaths in the United States occur in homes without working smoke alarms. We have seen examples here in Kitsap County.

The Kitsap County Fire Marshal's office, along with local fire districts, are participating in this national home fire safety campaign. They urge citizens to adopt a lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries when clocks are changed back from daylight saving time each fall. This year's time change occurs on **Sunday, November 4.**

If your smoke detectors are the 10 year lithium battery type, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE BATTERY.** Check to see if the smoke detectors are due to be replaced.

For more information contact your [local fire district](#).