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## **FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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### **Simple Steps for Smoke Alarms**

Change your clocks, change your smoke alarm batteries.

October is Fire Safety Month, and with the end of Daylight Savings Time fast approaching, the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company is urging residents to replace the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes without working smoke alarms. The National Fire Protection Association recommends:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of a home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas on the ceiling or high on the wall
- Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen, at least 10 feet from the stove, to reduce false alarms
- Use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers for people who are hard of hearing or deaf
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide every six months
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 or more years old

For more information on the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company's fire prevention efforts, visit [ctvfc21.org](http://ctvfc21.org).