

DON'T FORGET!!

Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH



This is also a great time to test your smoke alarms, states the Oregon State Fire Marshal, Mark Wallace. If you test the alarm and it doesn't work, you need to replace the entire alarm. Maintaining your alarm includes testing it to be sure the battery is working, vacuuming it to get rid of dust and cobwebs and inspecting the alarm to determine if it is 10 years old or older. If so, you should replace the entire alarm.



From 2006 through 2010 in Oregon, 40% of residential fires had no smoke alarm present or the smoke alarm did not operate. These fires resulted in 37 fatalities, 342 injuries and more than \$89 million in property loss.

Working smoke alarms provide early warning to a fire, allowing you vital minutes to escape and increase your chances of surviving a fire.

Additional Safety Tips:

1. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each sleeping area and outside each sleeping area.
2. Replace smoke alarms 10 years old or older
3. Hard-wired alarms should have battery back up
4. Never disconnect or remove batteries from smoke alarms for other uses
5. Make a home escape plan and practice it

For more smoke alarm and fire safety information, contact your local fire department or visit

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/CommEd_SA_Program.shtml#Information_for_the_Public