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### **Snohomish County Fire Marshall reminds residents: Change Your Clock Change Your Battery**

Eighty-three percent of all civilian fire-related deaths are a result of home fires, and on average, nearly three children a day die in these fires. An early warning can provide critical extra seconds to escape, smoke alarms double your family's chance of getting out of a home fire alive — but only if they work.

To save lives and prevent needless injuries, Snohomish County has joined Energizer® and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the 20th year of the ***Change Your Clock Change Your Battery***® campaign. The program urges all Americans to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall.

“Take time **to test your smoke alarms** to ensure proper working order,” urges Snohomish County Fire Marshal Tom Maloney. “It’s a good time to also develop and practice your **residential escape plan**. Having an escape plan provides the proper life saving steps in case of an emergency.”

To make it easier for residents to participate, the County placed this information on its website [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), keyword: **Fire Marshal**.

Help keep your family and friends safe by encouraging them to adopt a simple lifesaving habit. When you turn your clocks back, make a lifesaving change in your household — change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

This simple habit takes just a moment but it’s the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

For more information about fire safety, call the Office of the Snohomish County Fire Marshal at 425-388-3557, visit the County web site [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) or the ***Change Your Clock Change Your Battery***® hotline at 314.995.3939, extension 104.