

# Turn clocks ahead

This Sunday, the clocks spring ahead one hour in time, and it is a great time to test your smoke alarms and change their batteries.

Fire Chief Brent

Marshall strongly recommends testing the alarm after changing the batteries to ensure it is functioning. Along with pushing the test button

to sound the alarm, another easy way to test it is to hold a lit incense stick 10 to 12 inches below the alarm and allow the smoke to drift into the de-

vice, causing it to sound. Once the alarm sounds, fan the smoke away and give the device a quick vacuuming to ensure it is free of dust, which can

affect the performance of the smoke alarm.

Smoke alarms between seven and 10-years-old should be replaced, sooner if it has a manufacturer's expiry date, and should be properly installed and maintained to save lives, according to Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. "With the minimal cost

of smoke alarms today, everyone should have working smoke alarms in their homes. With a little extra effort, we can keep any unnecessary tragedies from occurring in Halton Hills," Bonnette said.

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**DAYLIGHT SAFETY TIME:** Halton Hills Fire Department Public Education Officer, Captain Dave Ford talked about fire alarms and the need to change their batteries when the clocks are turned ahead an hour for Daylight Saving Time on Sunday. With Captain Ford are members of the JK/SK class including, front left: Teacher and Risk Watch rep. Kathy Thomson, Mason and Emma. Back: Owen, Aria, Geneen and Heward. – Frances Niblock photo

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