

Change clocks...and batteries fire department recommends

Clocks will be turned back an hour Sunday (Nov. 2) for daylight savings, and Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services recommends it's also the time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

"Change your clocks...change your batteries," is the fire department's slogan.

Halton Hills Fire Department Captain David Ford says while you're changing the batteries it's also the time to test the alarm to ensure it will sound in the event of an emergency.

"One easy way to test the alarm is to light an incense stick and hold it up so the smoke goes into the alarm and activates it," said Ford.

Once it activates, fan the smoke away from the device and consider giving it a quick vacuuming afterwards, he said. Dust, spider webs and insects which have accumulated in the alarm can affect the performance of the smoke alarm, said Ford.

"Working smoke alarms save lives and reduce injuries by providing early warning to residents so they can evacuate safely from their home," said Ford.

The Ontario Fire Code requires a working smoke alarm on every floor of a home, and near any sleeping area. Even with the minimal cost of a smoke alarm, there are still homes not equipped with at least one working smoke alarm. If your home is not properly protected with smoke alarms, it's time to act.

It's the law, stressed Ford.

As important as it is to have working smoke alarms, it is every bit as important to know what the family members are supposed to do in the event of waking to the sound of an alarm.

"Developing and practising a home escape plan will ensure a quick, safe evacuation of all family members," he said. Adults and children alike need to plan and rehearse their home escape plan.

Anyone who would like assistance with the placement of smoke alarms or developing a fire safety plan is asked to call fire service staff at Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services at 905-873-2601 ext. 2115 (Capt. David Ford) or ext. 2101 (Capt. Armando Cabral).



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Product: Free Norton AntiVirus 2008 & Spy Sweeper and in-store Geek Squad installation with any Sony laptop purchase. Please note on page 13 of the October 24 flyer, incorrect skus were advertised for the Free Norton AntiVirus 2008 and Spy Sweeper. The correct product skus are: 10089196 - Spy Sweeper, 10111127 - Norton AntiVirus 2009, 10077847 - Geek Squad Installation.

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