

**Daylight Savings time is the perfect time to change the battery  
in your smoke alarm!**

**When You Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery**

The Hillsdale City Fire Department is reminding the public that it is time to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. With daylight saving time upon us this weekend it is time to move our clocks forward and change our batteries.

It is recommended that batteries in smoke detectors be changed twice a year, once at each time change and it is furthermore recommended that the detectors be tested a minimum of once a month. People with electrically powered smoke alarms that have a battery back-up function are also reminded to change batteries.

Smoke detectors save lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the risk of dying in a home fire is cut by 50% with working smoke alarms present. To keep your smoke alarms ready, they need to be connected to a power source or have a fresh battery in place. Most failures in smoke alarms occur when the batteries are removed, they are dead or the alarm has been disconnected from the power source in the home (NFPA). Save a life; test your smoke alarm, replace batteries and keep them connected!

**For further information, contact Hillsdale City Fire Department at (517) 437-6451.**