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Change Your Clock and Smoke Alarm Batteries This Weekend

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Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 6. Turn your clocks back one hour and change the battery in your smoke detector. **“Home fire deaths occur more often in the cooler months between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. when most people are asleep, according to the National Fire Protection Association,”** said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Smoke detector safety tips from the Shelby County Office of Preparedness:

1. Test smoke detectors once a month.
2. Change the batteries twice a year (during Daylight Saving Time).
3. Dust or vacuum smoke detectors when you change the batteries.
4. Make sure you have smoke detectors in these locations:
 - each floor of the home
 - basement
 - near sleeping areas
5. Interconnect all smoke detectors, so that when one sounds, they all sound.
6. If your detector is ten years old (from the date of manufacture), replace it.
7. Conduct family fire drills to ensure everyone knows where to go when the alarm sounds.
8. If the smoke detector alarms, get outside and stay outside.
9. If you cannot afford a smoke detector, stop by your nearest fire station.

For more information on smoke detectors and fire safety, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org and the United States Fire Administration at www.usfa.fema.gov.

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