



News Release

Shelby County Office of Preparedness



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Daylight Savings Time Ends - Change Clocks and Batteries!

“As we turn our clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 5th to end Daylight Savings Time, it is a good reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors,” said Dale Lane, Shelby County Office of Preparedness Director. “Working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are important parts of a home safety plan and can save your life!” Please review these safety tips:

- **Have an escape plan!** Hold family drills with the lights on and off. Make sure everyone knows where to go when they get outside. A meeting place in front of the house is best.
- **Install:**
 - **Smoke detectors:** on every level of the home, in the basement, and inside and outside sleeping areas
 - **Carbon monoxide detectors:** on every level of the home with fuel burning appliances (5 to 20 feet from carbon monoxide sources such as furnace, water heater, or fireplace) and outside sleeping areas
 - **Combination smoke / carbon monoxide detectors:** follow manufacturer’s instructions for location and mounting height
- **Test:** Push the “test” button once a month.
- **Batteries:** If your device has disposable batteries, change them twice a year or if you hear the “chirp” (warning that the battery is low).
- **Replace:** If your detector is 10 years old (from the date of manufacture), replace it. If your detector does not respond when you test it, replace it.
- **Interconnected detectors** are best, so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- **Alarms:**
 - If the carbon monoxide detector alarms:** Immediately move to fresh air. Call 911 from the fresh air.
 - If the smoke detector alarms:** Get outside and stay outside. Call 911 from outside.



If you cannot afford a smoke detector, please call your nearest fire station to apply for one.

RESOURCES: www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org

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