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It's time to change your clocks ... and the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

Daylight savings begins on Sunday, March 12, 2017 and Caledon Fire & Emergency Services is recommending residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks this weekend.

“In order for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries,” explained Caledon Fire Chief Darryl Bailey. “Once a year, old batteries should be replaced with new batteries. When you change your clocks this weekend, Caledon Fire & Emergency Services wants everyone to take the time to install new batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.”

In order to survive a fire, you need to be provided with an early warning and know what to do when the smoke alarms sound. It's the law to have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms.

Carbon monoxide alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage. For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of your home.

“When a fire occurs, people may only have a few seconds to escape,” said Chief Bailey. “We are urging people to develop and practise a home fire escape plan so that everyone knows what do when a fire occurs. Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.”

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