



Reminder to Change Home Smoke Alarm Batteries When Clocks Spring Forward Sunday

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — A reminder to residents to change household smoke alarm batteries this weekend when Daylight Saving Time begins. Clocks in North America “spring forward” one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2017.

Consider your smoke alarms to be the most important clocks that need to be changed in your home.

Residents should test smoke alarms once a month and change smoke alarm batteries routinely in the spring and fall when clocks are changed. Replacing a smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old is recommended.

Victoria residents can arrange for a free home smoke alarm home visit by a Fire Prevention Officer, who will determine the best locations for a smoke alarm or test existing ones. If you reside in a single family home, duplex or townhouse and require a new smoke alarm, you may be eligible to receive one free of charge. The service is available to anyone who resides in the City of Victoria.

For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca/smokealarms.

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