

Public Service Announcement

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City of Edmonton

Spring forward with smoke alarm safety

Our clocks may change in the spring and fall, but fire safety is never out of season.

On Sunday, March 9, Edmontonians will spring forward when they move their clocks up by one hour. Edmonton Fire Rescue Services is asking Edmontonians to use the spring time change as an opportunity to test their smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms are your first line of defense in the event of a fire. More than 50% of fire fatalities in Canada can be attributed to a faulty smoke alarm or no smoke alarm. Installing and regularly testing smoke alarms can greatly improve your chances of surviving a home fire.

Edmontonians should check that they have working smoke alarms on all levels of their homes and within five meters of all bedrooms. All smoke alarms, battery-operated and electrical, should be replaced every ten years. Alarms should be tested every month, by pressing and holding the test button, and batteries should be replaced once a year.

For more information on fire prevention and safety and to learn about Edmonton Fire Rescue Services Smoke Alarm Program, please visit edmonton.ca/fireprevention.

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