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City of Edmonton

## Change your clock, check your smoke alarm

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

On Sunday, November 2, Edmontonians will "fall back" by one hour and end Daylight Savings Time. Edmonton Fire Rescue Services is encouraging Edmontonians to use the time change as a reminder to check their smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms are your first line of defense in the event of a fire. Over the past decade, 56 per cent of fire fatalities in Alberta have been attributed to a faulty or absent smoke alarm in the home.

Edmontonians should check that they have working smoke alarms in their homes and within three metres of all bedrooms. Alarms should be tested regularly by pressing and holding the test button. Batteries should be replaced once a year. All smoke alarms, battery-operated and electric, should be replaced every ten years.

For more information on fire prevention and safety, please visit edmonton.ca/fireprevention.

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