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Fall back into safety: Change your clocks, check your batteries

FASNY reminds all New Yorkers to inspect smoke alarms

Guest Editorial by the Firefighters Association of the State of New York

As New Yorkers prepare to set their clocks back an hour for the end of daylight saving time, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) urges all New Yorkers to check the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Alarms with removable batteries should have their batteries replaced, those with alarms that have sealed-in batteries should ensure all alarms are functioning, and any detector over 10 years old should be replaced.

Working smoke alarms could make the difference between life and death in a home fire. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, the risk of dying in a home without working smoke detectors is 55% higher than in a home with fully functioning alarms. Additionally, three of every five home fire deaths are in residences without working smoke alarms.

In 2019, New York state enacted legislation that required all new smoke detectors sold to contain 10-year, non-removable batteries that discourage tampering. If you're not sure when you last replaced the batteries or bought a smoke alarm, FASNY encourages purchasing a new one.

When New York state enacted the state's first smoke alarm laws in 1961, fire-related deaths fell by half. However, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, New York state is currently third in the nation with 98 residential fire deaths as we head into the colder months.



Sadly, New York has been at the top of the national fire death list several times in recent years. This time of year, typically brings an uptick in home fires due to issues with home heating equipment, portable space heaters, cooking, smoking, unattended open flames, holiday decorations and winter storms. FASNY wants to remind New Yorkers to be vigilant and follow home safety advice to prevent accidents during this fall/winter season.

"The holidays are a time to gather and celebrate, but it is also the most dangerous time of the year for home fires," FASNY President Gene Perry said. "To keep everyone safe, we urge all New Yorkers to check their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors every month. Alarm batteries in older detectors without a long-life battery should be replaced once or twice a year, and detectors should be

replaced entirely after 10 years. To prevent tragedies, be sure to secure your home with smoke alarms on every level and outside sleeping areas."

Smoke alarms provide critical minutes to escape the home in an emergency. Another vital tool is a carbon monoxide detector, which can warn of a silent but deadly gas build-up in the home. As the weather gets colder and snow begins to fall, New Yorkers should conduct a home safety check to ensure that CO detectors are functioning.

"Unfortunately, we do see the majority of home fire fatalities in homes with no smoke alarms or in homes where they aren't working properly," Perry said. "Daylight savings is a great reminder to do a safety checkup on the home, ensure smoke alarms and CO detectors are working, and ensure everyone knows how to get out of the home in an emergency."

Safety tips provided by FASNY & National Fire Protection Association

√ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.

√ Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

√ It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

√ Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

√ Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology, including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.

√ Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.

√ A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.

√ People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.

√ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

Founded in 1872, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) represents the interests of the 80,000 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel in New York state. For more information, visit www.fasny.com.

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