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Life-saver: Change smoke alarm batteries when clocks go back an hour on Nov. 3

“Regularly changing smoke alarm batteries is quite possibly the easiest, most affordable way to save lives,” says Campbell River fire chief Thomas Doherty.

With the number of fires on the rise in Campbell River, Doherty is issuing an urgent reminder about the importance of having working smoke alarms in homes.

“The unfortunate reality is that fire kills approximately eight Canadians every week. Nearly three-quarters of those deaths are in residential fires, and most are completely avoidable,” Doherty says. *“We know that a working smoke alarm increases the chances of surviving a house fire.”*

The Campbell River Fire Department recommends replacing smoke alarm batteries with the time change. Clocks will be set back one hour for the end of Daylight Saving Time on Nov. 3.

“Saving lives can be as simple as changing your smoke alarm batteries once a year. We also recommend having a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area, and on each floor of your home,” Doherty adds. *“For everyone’s sake, please make regular smoke alarm testing in your home a priority. And plan to replace smoke alarms every seven to 10 years.”*

View a powerful video reminder about the importance of changing batteries in smoke alarms at this link: <https://youtu.be/lr2bekewg-8>

For more information you can contact the Campbell River Fire Department at 250-286-6266 or visit our website www.campbellriver.ca/fire.

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