



## Change your Clock Change your Battery

Fire Prevention is the importance to home fire safety. That's why the [Town of Brighton - Office of the Fire Marshal](#) encourages you to participate in the annual home fire safety program called:

The program urges you to adopt a simple lifesaving habit:

***Change all of your Smoke Alarm batteries when you change your clocks ahead each Spring and back to Standard Time in the Fall.***



Residential fire deaths have decreased steadily as the number of homes with smoke detectors increased. Reports from the National Fire Protection Association on residential fire deaths show that people have nearly a 40-50 percent better chance of surviving a fire if their home has the recommended number of smoke detectors.

**Protecting your home is simple: Change, Check, Count, Clean!**



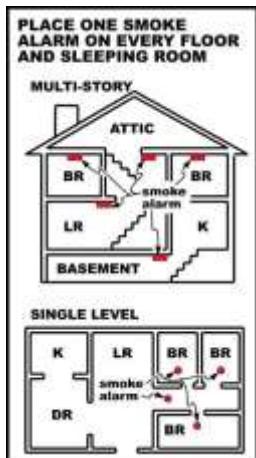
### Change Your Smoke Alarm Batteries!

As Fire Marshal we encourage you to change **Smoke Alarm** batteries at twice each year. An easy way to remember is to change these batteries when you change your clock ahead each Spring and then again when we change back to Standard Time each Fall. Replace old batteries with fresh, high quality batteries to keep your Smoke Alarms ready to protect you and your family all year-long.



### Check Your Smoke Alarms!

After inserting fresh batteries in your Smoke Alarm, make sure the Alarm is working by activating the safety test button. As Fire Marshal we recommend that you test all of your Smoke Alarms at least once each month. If you have any doubt regarding the working condition of a Smoke Alarm, we recommend you replace it



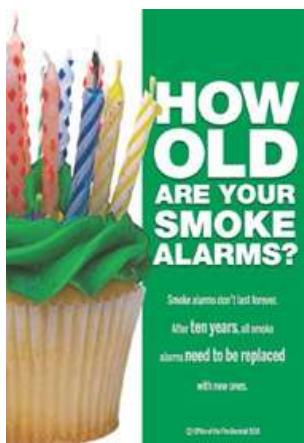
## Count Your Smoke Alarms!

You should have a properly functioning Smoke Alarm in every sleeping room - and in the hallway directly adjacent to those rooms. If sleeping rooms are on an upper level, a Smoke Alarm needs to be installed in the center of the ceiling directly above the interior stairway. It's best to have at least one working Smoke Alarm on every level of your home, including the basement and family room. To assure optimal protection and avoid false alarms, your Smoke Alarm must be mounted properly. You'll find simple instructions included with every Smoke Alarm you purchase.



## Clean Your Smoke Alarms!

Help your Smoke Alarm remain sensitive and ready to protect you by gently using a vacuum cleaner once a month to remove dust and cobwebs. If your Smoke Alarms have been accidentally painted or contaminated, replacement may be necessary.



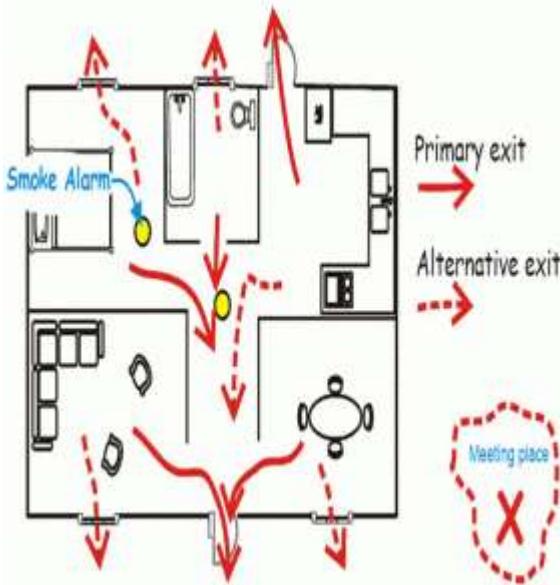
## Retire your old Smoke Alarms!

***Replace your Smoke Alarms with new devices at least every 10 years.***

Smoke detectors that are 10 years old are near the end of their service life and should be replaced. A smoke detector constantly monitors the air 24 hours a day.

At the end of 10 years, it has gone through more than 3.5 million monitoring cycles. After this much use, components may become less reliable. This means that as the detector gets older, the potential of failure increases.

Replacing them after 10 years reduces this possibility.



## Plan and Practice Your Escape!

Children are at increased risk of dying in a home fire because they often become scared and confused when a fire erupts. Make sure your children recognize the sound of your home's Smoke Alarm and teach them to respond instinctively to its signal.

Create at least two different escape routes from every room and practice them with the entire family. Be sure all family members know the lifesaving practice of crawling below the dangerously thick smoke and intense heat of a fire.

All capable members of the family must learn how to open windows and remove screens. Realism is essential in your family's practice, as is your clear designation of a meeting place for everyone to gather outside the home in case of a fire or other emergency. Remember, this may be the only practice and discussion you will have before tragedy strikes!

When a fire occurs, don't delay! **Get out quick and stay out!!**

Escape first, closing doors behind you if possible. Quickly gather at your meeting place and then notify the Fire Department by calling 9-1-1 from a safe location.

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## Install Fire Extinguishers!

Install at least one fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen and know how to use it. We recommend multi- or all-purpose fire extinguishers that are listed by and carry the [mark](#) of an accredited testing agency such as [Underwriters Laboratory](#).

**Read all instructions carefully** and mount the fire extinguishers for easy access. Make sure adult members of your family know the proper use as well as the limitations of these important fire safety tools.

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We hope this simple list of tips from the [Town of Brighton - Office of the Fire Marshal](#) will help keep your family safe.

Please remember:

## Fire Prevention -- it's everyone's job!

If you have any fire safety questions just give us a call:

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