



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Change your clock, Change your battery!**

Branson Firefighters remind residents to change smoke alarm batteries this weekend

BRANSON, Mo – Branson Firefighters encourage residents to change the batteries in smoke alarms this weekend to coincide with the end of daylight saving at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 6, 2022.

"Having a working smoke alarm in your home is one of the most important maintenance steps you can do to increase the safety of your family," said Branson Fire Chief Ted Martin.

Most home fire deaths and injuries occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Branson firefighters want to remind residents of these three life-saving tips:

- Install smoke alarms in each room of the home except for the kitchen
- Test smoke alarms each month
- Change the batteries each fall when we move our clocks back one hour.

Residents are also encouraged to develop a home fire escape plan with an identified meeting place outside. This ensures everyone will be accounted for and is a safe place to call 9-1-1 from.

Learn more about Branson Fire Rescue and more fire safety tips on the city's website at [BransonMo.Gov/Fire](http://BransonMo.Gov/Fire).

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