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Simple Home Safety Tips:

1. Practice smoke alarm maintenance for a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths.
2. A simple reminder from the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Energizer® Batteries: When you turn back your clocks in November, be sure to change the batteries in your smoke alarms as well as carbon monoxide detectors. This can help save lives.
3. Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly to make sure they are working. Vacuum around your smoke detectors to be sure they are free of dust.
4. Have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of your home.
5. Install one carbon monoxide detector in a central location outside each separate sleeping area.
6. Plan, discuss and practice an escape route with your family for dangerous situations such as home fires, carbon monoxide leaks and natural disasters.
7. Do not rely on your sense of smell to alert you that you and/or your family are in danger of being trapped during a fire or from a carbon monoxide leak.
8. Be sure not to ignore the chirping sound your smoke alarm makes when maintenance is required.
9. Keep fire-starting materials away from children, including lighters, matches, cigarettes, cigars and pipes.
10. Use flashlights rather than candles to light your home during power outages.
11. Space heaters need space. Portable space heaters need a three-foot (one meter) clearance from anything that can burn and should always be turned off when leaving the room or going to sleep.
12. Never use your oven to heat your home.
13. Carbon monoxide detectors are NOT substitutes for smoke alarms.

Keep your family, friends and neighbors safe -- remind them to follow these simple tips and change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks back this fall.