

Ten Simple Home Fire 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® Max® brand Batteries: When you change your clocks, change the battery in your smoke alarm. This can help save lives.
3. Test your smoke alarms monthly to make sure they are working.
4. Have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of your home.
5. Plan, discuss and practice a fire escape route with your family.
6. 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.
7. Be sure not to ignore the chirping sound your smoke alarm makes when maintenance is required.
8. Keep fire-starting materials away from children, including lighters, matches, cigarettes, cigars and pipes.
9. Use flashlights rather than candles to light your home during power outages.
10. 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.

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