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### **Test Your Smoke Alarms When You Change Your Clocks!**

**Olympia**—Daylight savings time takes place on Sunday, March 11. The State Fire Marshal's Office is asking that you take a few minutes to test your smoke alarms, when change your clocks this weekend.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions—replace any alarms that fail testing, and replace all smoke alarms that are 10-years old or older. Test your batteries monthly, no matter what kind of batteries they have.

In 2017, twenty-six percent of fire fatalities in Washington State occurred in homes with missing smoke alarms or smoke alarms that failed to work. These failures often occur because of missing, dead or disconnected batteries.

Working smoke alarms can provide those critical extra seconds you and your family need to get out of your home safely. Testing your smoke alarms to ensure they work properly is a simple, effective way to protect the ones you love.

For more information about fire prevention and awareness, please visit the State Fire Marshal website at: <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/public/>.

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*The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.*

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