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Spring Forward and Test Your Batteries

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2 a.m. when clocks need to be set forward one hour.

The Skokie Fire Department reminds residents to check and change batteries once a year in all smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and all emergency accessory kits to make sure they are in working condition. Be sure to replace smoke alarms every 10 years for optimal effectiveness and follow the manufacturer’s recommendation regarding carbon monoxide detector replacement, as all models vary.

Additionally, all Illinois homeowners and landlords must have carbon monoxide detectors in buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities. All residential units are required to have at least one carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.

For more information about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340.

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