



# Peterborough Fire Service

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### **Time to Change Your Clocks and the Batteries in All Smoke Alarms**

Daylight savings ends on Sunday, November 7, 2010 and Peterborough Fire Service reminds residents to install new batteries in their smoke alarms when they change their clocks this weekend.

“In order for smoke alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries. Once a year, old batteries should be replaced.” explained Fire Prevention Captain Greg Simmons. “Don’t forget to take a few minutes to plan and practice a home fire escape plan with your family. When the smoke detector sounds, everyone must know what to do.”

It is the law to have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended that smoke alarms are installed inside all bedrooms.

Tampering with, or removing the batteries from your smoke alarms is against the law. Failure to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$50,000.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at [www.peterborough.ca](http://www.peterborough.ca).

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