



# Yakima Fire Department

## **News Release**



**Subject: "Fall Back," Check Smoke Alarms**

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### **"Fall Back," a Reminder to Check Smoke Alarms**

Daylight Saving Time will officially end at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clocks are set back one hour and many people set their clocks to "fall back" before they go to bed the night before, in this case Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

When you change your clocks, the Yakima Fire Department (YFD) suggests also testing your smoke alarms and replacing the batteries if needed.

"Working smoke alarms save lives by waking up or alerting people of a fire in the early and survivable stages of a fire," said Yakima Fire Chief Aaron Markham. "Smoke alarms need to be in any room where people or family pets sleep. Plan your escape routes today and practice keeping your loved ones safe from fires in your home."

YFD offers a free smoke alarm program for those who cannot afford to install working smoke alarms. Visit <https://yakimafire.com/smoke-detector-request/> for more information on requesting a smoke alarm from YFD.