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COMMISSIONER KING REMINDS GEORGIANS: CHANGE CLOCKS, CHANGE BATTERIES

ATLANTA – As Daylight Savings Time begins, Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King emphasizes the critical practice of changing smoke alarm batteries when adjusting clocks forward this weekend.

“Smoke alarms are vital for early fire detection, safeguarding the lives of Georgia’s residents and their properties,” Commissioner King stated. “Their effectiveness, however, is contingent on the battery's functionality. Despite a lack of beeping signals, it is recommended to replace smoke alarm batteries twice per year. The onset of Daylight Savings Time offers a prime moment to ensure our smoke alarms are in optimal working condition.”

In Georgia, the role of functional smoke alarms in preventing fatalities is undeniable. Data reveals a significant correlation between non-working smoke alarms and fire-related deaths. The National Fire Protection Association indicates a considerably higher incidence of fatalities in residences lacking operational smoke alarms.

Commissioner King advises residents to not only replace batteries but also to regularly test and maintain their smoke alarms, removing any dust accumulation. Establishing and rehearsing a fire escape strategy is equally crucial for household safety.

For further details on fire prevention and safety, Commissioner King directs Georgians to resources available through the [Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office](#), the [U.S. Fire Administration](#), the [American Red Cross](#), or local fire departments.

Mark your calendars: Daylight Savings Time commences this Sunday, March 14th, at 2:00 a.m., necessitating all clocks to be moved forward by one hour.

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