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FIRE SERVICE URGE ALL SOUTH AUSTRALIANS TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY

"We're urging all South Australians to replace their smoke alarm batteries when they turn back their clocks for the end of day light saving on Easter Sunday," said SA Metropolitan Fire Service Chief Officer Grant Lupton.

"It is simple – only a working smoke alarm can save lives. If your smoke alarm is not working there is no warning for householders and this is potentially a life threatening situation. It's not something to be taken lightly – one in five Australians will experience a household fire in their lives so it's vitally important you are prepared."

Unfortunately, according to SA's fire services, many smoke alarms are not in working order because batteries have been removed or have gone flat.

Jane Pickering, Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Domiciliary Care (MDC) said that the donation of over 850 Duracell batteries for distribution through the MDC network, was gratefully received.

"The Duracell batteries will allow us to assist clients who are not readily able to change their smoke alarm batteries. Many of our clients have physical disabilities and early warning in the event of a house fire is absolutely critical for them."

South Australia's emergency services have worked with MDC in the past to ensure that workers are able to audit their clients' homes for fire and personal safety and security. "It is pleasing to see that our relationship with South Australia's fire services is on-going, and that we are maintaining a fire safe environment for our clients," said Ms Pickering.

A long-lasting alkaline battery will give year long protection and ensure that the smoke alarm battery only needs to be changed annually.

Remember: change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery on Sunday 27th March and have a safe Easter.

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