



Time to Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries

It is critical that we establish an easily remembered time to change the batteries in all of our smoke detectors. Some select the twice-yearly changing of the clock as the time---fall back and spring ahead. Please pick a rock solid date that you will remember, and change that battery.

The Issue: Smoke Detector Neglect

- Although smoke detectors are present in 94% of American homes, 20% do not work, mostly because of dead or missing batteries.
- In the U.S. roughly 80% of fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke detectors.
- If a fire occurs, working smoke detectors cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half by providing early warning

and critical extra seconds to escape.

- Eighty-three (83%) percent of all civilian fire-related deaths are a result of home fires.
- The National Fire Alarm Code recommends a minimum of one smoke alarm on each level of a home.
- In addition to changing smoke alarm batteries, smoke detectors should be replaced every ten (10) years.
- Education is key. Less than one quarter (1/4) of U.S. homes had smoke alarms in 1977. Increased smoke alarm usage played a major role in the nearly 50 percent drop in home fire deaths since that time.
- Somewhere in the nation, a home fire death occurs approximately every three hours.
- The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 pm and 6 am

-When most people are sleeping.

- Households with non-working smoke detectors now outnumber those with no smoke alarms.
- Tragically, many people mistakenly believe they'd be awakened by the smell of smoke in time to escape. Clinical experiments have found that the sense of smell actually lessens when people are asleep.

Senior Citizens and Home Fires

Adults ages 65 and older are two times more likely to die in a house fire: those ages 75 & up are three times more likely and those ages 85 and up are 4.5 times more likely to die in a home fire. Sense of smell also decreases with age making the elderly less likely to smell smoke.

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Direct Draft Card

If you wish to pay your monthly service by direct draft, please fill out the card at right and return with a voided check. **Remember, you will now be charged a \$2.00 fee for receiving a paper bill. Please avoid this additional charge by signing up for direct draft today!!** Your account will be drafted on or after the 5th of each month. A "test" draft will be activated for the first month to ensure accuracy, therefore, you will receive one more statement for that month to be paid by check or money order. Thereafter, all monthly payments will be direct drafted from the account specified by you.

Authorization Agreement for Pre-authorized Payments

Company Name: Acadian On Call

I (we) hereby authorize Acadian On Call to initiate debit entries to my (our) Checking account indicated below at the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

****First month is test month. You will receive a bill.** Please include voided check**

****For the initial debit month, all previous balances will be debited to bring account current.****

Depository Name: _____ Branch: _____

City Routing Number: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Account#: _____

This Authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Acadian On Call has received written notification from me (either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Acadian On Call and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name(s): _____ ID#: _____

Date: _____ Signed _____

Note: All written debit authorizations MUST provide that the receiver may revoke the authorization only by notifying the originator in the manner specified in the authorization.