



COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE

Safety is not annoying! Check your batteries and keep your home safe!

Ville de Gracefield, February 19th, 2004 -Your municipal fire prevention service, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Security, invites you to change your smoke detector batteries on the same day you set your clock back on March 9th. It is your duty to check the batteries and replace them. **Don't forget a working smoke detector can save lives!**

TO VERIFY THAT YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR IS WORKING, just press on the button for a few seconds and wait for the signal. An immediate alert signal should be heard and will assure you that the smoke detector is in proper working order.

TEST ITS SMOKE CAPACITY, by blowing out a lit candle or match close to your detector.

Important tips :

- If you notice that your smoke alarm is going off frequently even when there isn't any smoke in the air, then change your batteries.
- Install a smoke detector on every level, even in the basement, ideally in every bedroom, and make sure there are no obstacles that may block detection of any smoke.
- Replace your smoke detector every 10 years or before, if broken or faulty. Check for an expiry date on the detector. If there is no expiry date and you are not sure as to the age of the detector, don't take any chances - change it!
- If you are renting, the owner must provide you with smoke detectors. We recommend that you check your detector frequently and change the battery if needed.

For more information on smoke detectors or fire prevention, contact your local fire prevention service.

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