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# NEWS RELEASE

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### Fall back with fire safety tips from Ventura County Fire

CAMARILLO, Calif. – An extra hour is coming this weekend. Make the most of it and take the time to prepare a fire safety plan to fall back on.

As people turn their clocks back on Sunday, November 6, Ventura County Fire reminds the public to review and refresh their disaster readiness plan.

Four “fall back” preparedness tips to consider include:

- [Change smoke alarm batteries](#) – When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms provide early warnings so people can get outside quickly. Check each alarm’s batteries and test them monthly to make sure they are working. Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away. Click [here](#) for smoke alarm tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
- [Prepare an escape plan](#) - Create an office and home escape plan and designate a meeting place outside to gather in the event of an emergency. Click [here](#) to download an advance planning guide and escape grid.
- [Download a “Ready, Set, Go!” kit](#) - Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and can make a difference when seconds count. Learn how to prepare your family and property against wildfire threats with an action plan, available at all VCFD fire stations and online at [www.VCReadySetGo.org](http://www.VCReadySetGo.org).
- [Sign-up for emergency notifications](#) – VC Alert sends important information directly to subscribers during an emergency in Ventura County. Alerts may include notifications about brush fires, earthquakes, flooding, evacuations and shelters. To opt-in to receive alerts, visit [www.vcalert.org](http://www.vcalert.org) or call (805) 648-9283.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit [www.VCFD.org](http://www.VCFD.org).

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