



Safety Reminders for Fall

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Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11, 2008 and the Groveland Fire Department would like to pass on the following safety reminders:

Smoke Detectors: The Groveland Fire Department wants to remind everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks back to standard time on Sunday, November 2, 2008. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire. More than 90 percent of homes in the U. S. have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries. Once batteries are changed they should be checked once a month to make sure that the smoke detector is working properly.

Flues: The Groveland Fire Department recommends that everyone have their woodstove and flue inspected by a certified chimney sweep professional at least once a year. This will reduce the chance of a flue fire and also let you know that your woodstove, piping, flue cap, and screen are in good working order and that bricks and mortar are in good repair.