



SAFETY ONLY

**PUT A
FINGER
ON IT!**

WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

Last year, Austin had the second-highest number of fire-related deaths in our city's history. In most cases, a working smoke alarm could have saved these lives.

Smoke Alarm Safety Tips:

- **Pass the Test.** Test all smoke alarms once a month. It's easy. Just press the red test button with your finger. If the alarm fails, change the battery or replace the alarm. Most fire alarms last about 10 years. Clean them regularly by vacuuming away dust and cobwebs.
- **Double Your Chances.** Smoke alarms can be a love-hate relationship. We love that they can double our chances of surviving a fire, but hate the sound when they go off at burnt toast. Don't yank out batteries, remove sensors, or disable your smoke alarms in any way.
- **Location, Location, Location.** Put smoke alarms in every bedroom, in the hallway close to sleeping areas, and in living rooms like your living or family room, but NOT in the kitchen where non-threatening cooking smoke can too easily set it off.
- **Choices to Live With.** With prices for smoke alarms starting at \$12, there are many choices available. Make sure the smoke alarms you buy include:
 - A laboratory label to insure the model has been tested.
 - An alarm loud enough to awaken the family through closed bedroom doors.
 - A malfunction signal to warn you when batteries are weak or dead.
 - At least a five-year manufacturer's warranty.



So go ahead, put a finger on it! Test all your smoke alarms once a month and save lives.