



PUT A FINGER ON IT! WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

THE AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDS YOU TO TEST YOURS ONCE A MONTH.

**A working smoke alarm increases your chance
of surviving a fire by more than 50%!**

- **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 covers, 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 busy rooms like your living or family room, but NOT in the kitchen where non-threatening cooking smoke can too easily set it off.

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



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