



Smoke Detectors



The Richardson Fire Department recommends these safety tips for smoke detectors...

Location

- ⇒ For wall mount, place 4 to 12 inches from ceiling.
- ⇒ For ceiling mount, place at least 4 inches from any wall.
- ⇒ On high pitch ceilings, place at highest point.
- ⇒ Don't install near window, door, air register or ceiling fan.
- ⇒ Place at least one smoke detector on each level (minimum one smoke detector outside each sleeping area).

Maintenance

- ⇒ Change battery once a year or when chirping (suggest during the fall time change).
- ⇒ Test smoke detector once a month.
- ⇒ Vacuum the vents in the detector at least once a year.
- ⇒ Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

86% of all homes in the United States have smoke detectors installed.

However, more than one-third of these do not work. A dead or missing battery is the primary cause of smoke detector failure.



If your Smoke Detector doesn't work properly... the silence could be deadly.

