

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Fire extinguishers can save lives and property, but should only be used if the fire is small, smoke and heat have not filled the room, and if you have a clear escape route. If you're unsure, evacuate immediately and call 9-1-1.



Since fire grows and spreads rapidly, the number one priority is to get out safely.



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Fire Authority**

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Types of Fire Extinguishers

Multipurpose (ABC) fire extinguishers are recommended for home use. Fire classifications are used to indicate the type of fire they will extinguish.

- A – For use with ordinary materials like cloth, wood, and paper.
- B – For use with flammable liquids like grease, gasoline, oil, and oil-based paints.
- C – For use with electrical equipment that is connected to an outlet.

Before Using a Fire Extinguisher

- Alert others that there is a fire and appoint someone to call 9-1-1.
- Make sure the fire is small, not spreading, and that you have a clear escape route.

The P.A.S.S. Method

- Pull the pin.
- Aim low. Stand six to eight feet away and point the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side to side until the fire is completely out.

Fire Extinguisher Maintenance

- Keep your extinguisher in plain view and out of the reach of children.
- Read and follow all instructions on the label and check for dents, corrosion or damage monthly.
- Non-rechargeable fire extinguishers should generally be replaced every five to seven years.
- Fire extinguishers are good for one use only. To dispose of an extinguisher, release the pressure by squeezing contents into a trash can. Let the extinguisher sit for 48 hours and then throw it in a trash can. You can also drop off used extinguishers at any household hazardous waste facility.