

Be Sure You Know What to do Before a Fire Happens

Before Fighting A Fire, Be Sure That:

- You know how to use the fire extinguisher.
- Everyone else has left the home and someone is calling the fire department.
- The fire is small, confined, and not spreading.
- You have a clear escape route.
- Your extinguisher matches the fire.



CLASS A
Ordinary Combustibles



CLASS B
Flammable Liquids
and Gases



CLASS C
Fires involving
Electrical Equipment



CLASS D
Combustible Metals



CLASS K
Grease or Cooking Fires
(typical for commercial cooking environments)

FIRE WON'T WAIT... PLAN YOUR ESCAPE!



For all emergencies dial

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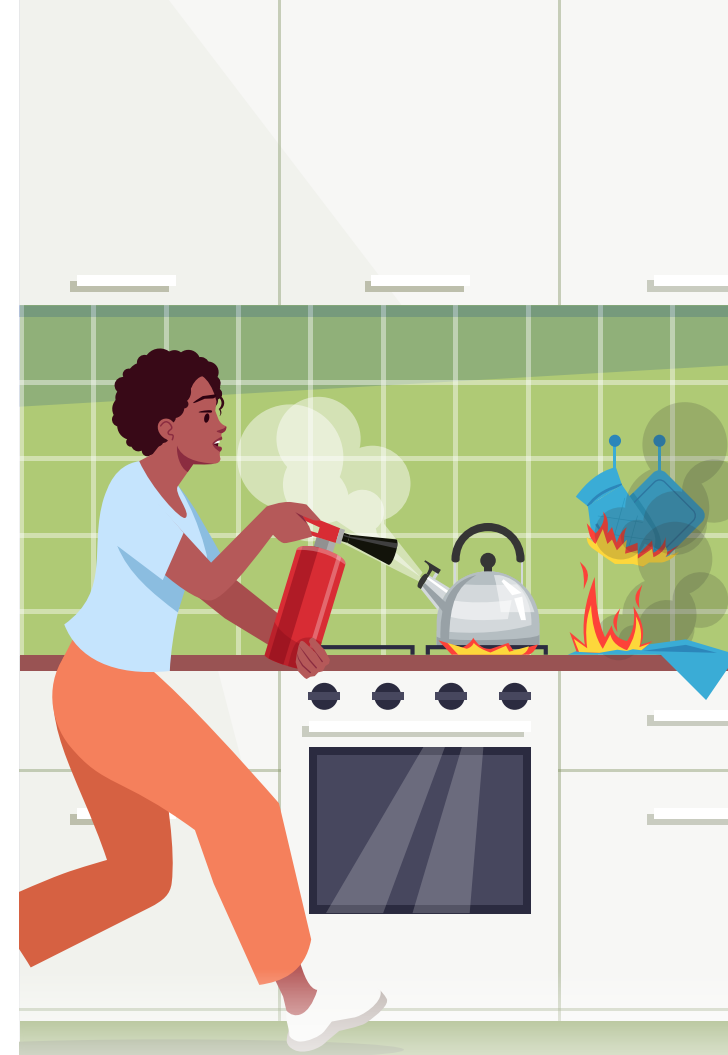


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Fire Prevention through Public Education



HOME FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Learn how to extinguish a fire.





To use your extinguisher properly, remember the

PASS Method



P.A.S.S

PULL the pin that unlocks the lever. (Some models may have another lever-release mechanism.)



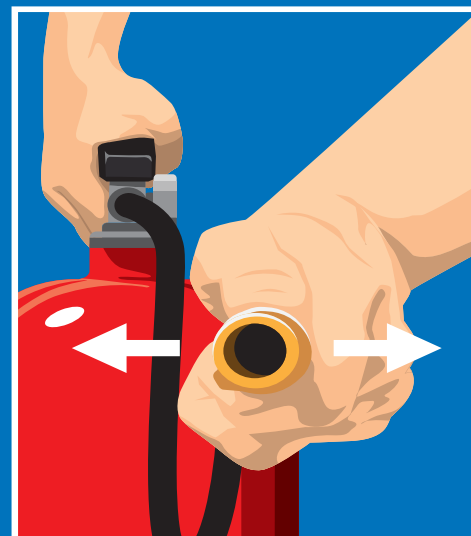
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AIM low, pointing the extinguisher nozzle or hose at the base of the fire.



P.A.S.S

SQUEEZE the lever above the handle to discharge the extinguisher agent. To stop the discharge, release the lever. (Some models may have a button instead of a lever.)



P.A.S.S

SWEEP the nozzle or hose from side to side. Moving carefully toward the flames, keep the nozzle aimed at the base of the fire and sweep back and forth.

Home Fire Extinguishers

- Fire extinguishers have limits. If there is a fire and you are not trained to use an extinguisher, get out of the home and call the fire department.
- Some extinguishers discharge completely in as little as 8 seconds.

Home Fire Escape Plan

- Make sure your home has working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and a home fire escape plan.
- If you are building or remodeling, consider installing a residential fire sprinkler system.

Know how to use the Extinguisher

- Read the instructions that come with the extinguisher and become familiar with its parts before a fire breaks out.
- Contact your local fire department to find out if extinguisher training is available in your community.

Call the fire department following any fire incident to ensure that the fire has been completely extinguished.

The Right Choice

- Choose a multi-purpose extinguisher (one that can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire but not so heavy that it is difficult to handle.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions on service and replacement. Major servicing or replacement of portable extinguishers is generally required at intervals not exceeding 12 years and by a qualified contractor.