

Fire Extinguishers



A fire extinguisher is an absolute necessity in any home where Oxygen is being used. There's a good chance that the extinguisher will never be used to fight a fire, it could end up saving your property or even your life.

Types of Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are rated by the type of fire they can put out. It is important to choose the proper fire extinguisher for each fire. Fire extinguishers are labeled with letters and/or pictures to indicate the type of fire on which the extinguisher is effective.

Ordinary Combustibles Fire



Paper, wood, plastics, fabric, rubber, trash

Flammable Liquids Fire



Gasoline, oil, grease, some paints and solvents

Electrical Fire

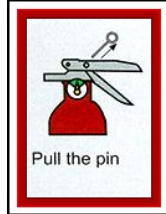


Energized electrical equipment; appliances, computers, circuit breakers, wiring

A combination **ABC Dry Chemical** extinguisher can be used on more than one type of fire, and is a good choice for home use.

Remember the P.A.S.S. Word

There are four basic steps to using a fire extinguisher.



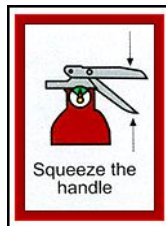
Pull

Place the extinguisher on the floor. Hold it by the tank (pressure on the handle could pinch the pin). Pull the pin straight out.



Aim

Start 10 feet back from the fire. Aim at the base of the fire.



Squeeze

Squeeze from side to side, moving in slowly until the fire is out.



Sweep

Sweep from side to side, moving in slowly until the fire is out. If the fire gets bigger, close the door and evacuate.

Before Fighting a Small Fire

- √ Everyone is evacuated from the fire area.
- √ 911 – Fire Department has been called.
- √ The fire is small and not spreading.
- √ Fire extinguisher is right type and size for the fire.
- √ Fire extinguisher is fully charged and operational.
- √ You know how to use the extinguisher.
- √ You know to abandon fighting the fire if your safety is endangered.

Never Fight a Fire if....

- √ You don't know what's burning.
- √ The fire appears to be too large to handle with one extinguisher.
- √ The fire is spreading rapidly beyond the spot where it started.
- √ You don't have an adequate or appropriate fire extinguisher.
- √ You might inhale toxic smoke.
- √ Your instincts tell you not to.



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