



Fire Extinguishers

Fires claim the lives of thousands each year. Having a good fire extinguisher and knowing how to properly use it before a fire occurs can help save your life and your home.

How to Operate:

Hold the extinguisher upright and remember the word “**P-A-S-S**”

P for **Pull** – Pull the pin, ring or seal

A for **Aim** – Aim the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the fire. Most fire extinguishers only last only 8 to 10 seconds

S for **Squeeze** – Squeeze or press the handle

S for **Sweep** – Sweep slowly from side to side at the base of the fire until the fire goes out

Types of Fire Extinguishers:

Extinguishers labeled “**A**” are effective for combating fires involving paper, cloth, wood or other ordinary combustibles

Extinguishers labeled “**B**” are effective for fighting fires involving gasoline, kitchen grease, paints, solvents or other flammable liquids

Extinguishers labeled “**C**” are effective for fighting fires involving electrical equipment, wiring and appliances

Multipurpose dry chemical extinguishers labeled “**ABC**” are effective for fighting most type of fires. Generally speaking, an A-B-C type extinguisher is recommended for home and office use

Safety Tips:

- ◆ Make sure you have a clear escape route before you attempt to put out a fire
- ◆ Stay low and avoid fumes and smoke
- ◆ Double check to make sure the fire is completely out
- ◆ Get out immediately and call 911