

Remember the P.A.S.S. Word

There are four basic steps to using a fire extinguisher.

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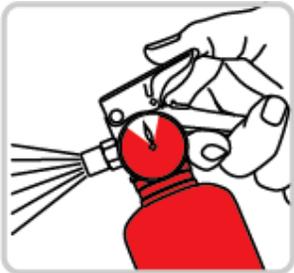


Place the extinguisher on the floor. Hold it by the tank (pressure on the handle could pinch the pin). Pull the pin

straight out.

AIM

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



SQUEEZE

Squeeze the lever on the fire extinguisher.

SWEEP

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

GET OUT

If the fire gets bigger, close the door and evacuate.

Smart Safety Rules

- ◆ Stand 6 to 8 feet away from the fire
- ◆ Use an extinguisher **ONLY** if you have been trained to use it
- ◆ Fire extinguishers are for small fires in the early stages.
- ◆ Know where fire extinguishers are located
- ◆ Never place a pressurized fire extinguisher upright unless you are holding it - if it falls over the nozzle can break off
- ◆ All fire extinguishers should have an inspection tag and a trigger seal and a pin
- ◆ After use, do not put a fire extinguisher back on its mounting - it must be refilled



Fire Extinguishers

A fact sheet on choosing and using fire extinguishers



For More Information

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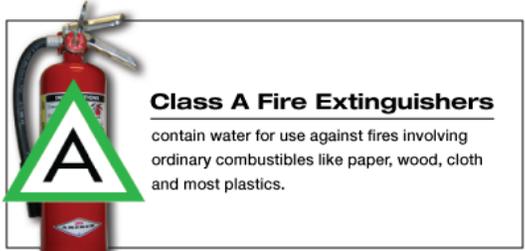
A fire extinguisher is an absolute necessity in any home or office. While there's a good chance that the extinguisher will never be used to fight a fire, it could end up saving your property and even your life.

Types of Extinguishers

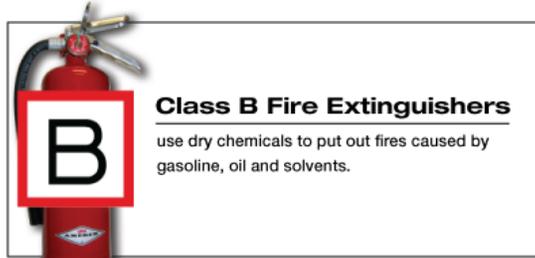
Fire extinguishers are rated by the type of fire they can put out. It is important to choose the proper fire extinguisher for each fire. Fire extinguishers are labeled with letters and/or pictures to indicate the type of fire on which the extinguisher is effective.

CLASSES OF FIRES	TYPES OF FIRES	PICTURE SYMBOL
A	Wood, paper, cloth, trash & other ordinary materials.	
B	Gasoline, oil, paint and other flammable liquids.	
C	May be used on fires involving live electrical equipment without danger to the operator.	
D	Combustible metals and combustible metal alloys.	
K	Cooking media (Vegetable or Animal Oils and Fats)	

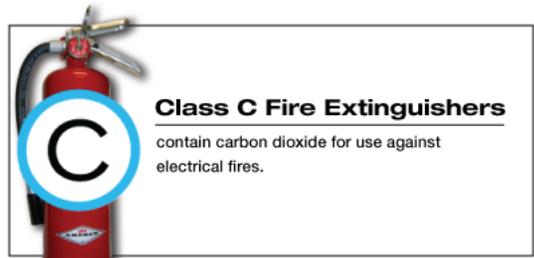
Ordinary Combustibles Fire



Flammable Liquids Fire



Electrical Fire



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

Be Prepared

Training and practice are the best ways to prepare for emergencies. Make certain you know the P.A.S.S. system and understand how to safely use a fire extinguisher before you need to.

- ◆ Don't force yourself to fight a fire that makes you uncomfortable or puts you at risk.
- ◆ Always let someone know and make certain 911 has been called before using an extinguisher on a fire.
- ◆ Fire extinguishers are small quick fixes. If you are unable to put out the fire with one extinguisher, leave and close the door behind you.
- ◆ A fire involving any portion of building structure is too big for a portable fire extinguisher.
- ◆ While using a fire extinguisher stay low, the smoke is filled with carbon monoxide and many other gases.
- ◆ Don't let the fire come between you and your exit. Keep your back to the exit and the fire in front of you.