

Fire Extinguishers

If used properly, a fire extinguisher is a great tool to save lives and property.

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

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Pull the pin

of the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.

A

Aim low

at the base of the fire.

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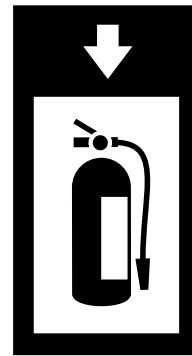
Squeeze

the lever slowly and evenly.

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Sweep

the nozzle from side-to-side.













Use a Fire Extinguisher AFTER

- 9-1-1 has been notified
- notifying others there is a fire
- confirming the fire is small enough to be controlled

Fire Extinguisher Types

Specific extinguishers work on fires involving specific materials.

Familiarize yourself with these specifications to have the right type of extinguisher available.

CLASS OF FIRE	TYPE OF FIRE	APPROVED FIRE EXTINGUISHER
  Ordinary Combustibles	Wood, paper, cloth	Type A; Type A-B
  Flammable Liquids	Gasoline, paints, oils, grease	Type A-B; Type B-C; Type A-B-C
  Live Electrical Equipment	Electrical wiring, fuse box	Type B-C; Type A-B-C
  Combustible Metal	Metals	Bucket of Sand
  Commercial Cooking Equipment	Commercial cooking oil appliances	*Wet Chemical

*Class K extinguishers may require specific training, including when they should be used or not used. For example, the extinguishing agents in many Class K extinguishers are electrically conductive and should only be used after electrical power to the kitchen appliance has been shut off.