

How to Use A Fire Extinguisher

Fire extinguishers are **only to be used if the fire is small**. You should be an adult--and only use an extinguisher if you have been trained, started the evacuation AND have called 911. Put your extinguisher in a place that is easy to find. Otherwise, time spent searching will allow the fire time to spread and become too big for the extinguisher to do its job.



Note: Do **NOT** use water on grease or electrical fires!

Multipurpose fire extinguishers with an A-B-C label may be used on all three types of fires.

The 2A10BC dry chemical extinguisher is the most common size (about 5 lbs.), and it works on almost every kind of fire (A, B & C). Check the label of your extinguisher before a fire to know what you can use it on. For example, a pan of grease is a class B fire. An ABC extinguisher is great.

A **red slash** through any of the symbols indicates you should NOT use that extinguisher on that class of fire. A missing symbol tells you that the extinguisher hasn't been tested on that class of fire.

When to Use an Extinguisher

Don't forget, fire extinguishers aren't made to do the job of a firefighter. If a fire is too hot, has lots of dangerous smoke, or is starting to spread--get out and call 911. If you have difficulty hearing, you may text directly to 911 in Denver. Call if you can, text if you must.

Only use a fire extinguisher if:

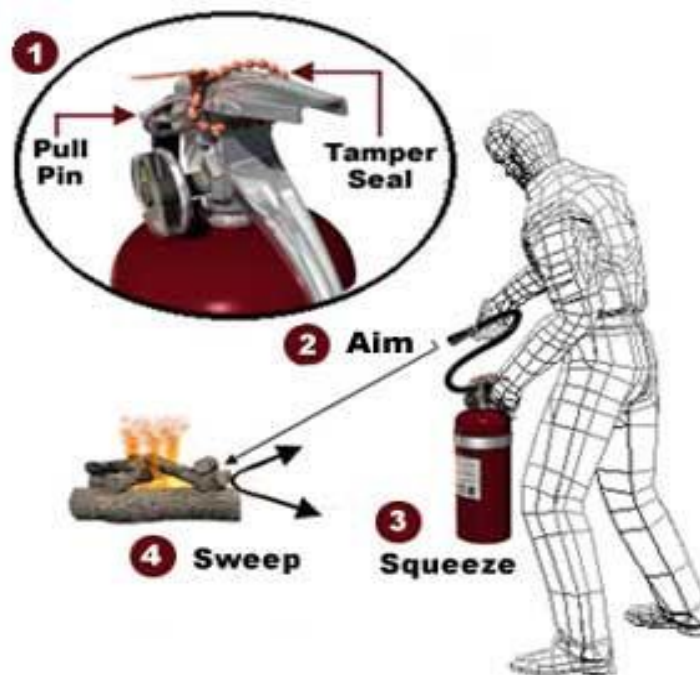
- You have called 911 first (You want the firefighters on the way before it gets too big!)
- You know how to operate it
- You are not in danger from smoke or fire
- You have a clear escape route in case the fire spreads
- The extinguisher class matches the class of fire you're fighting
- The extinguisher is large enough to handle the fire
- REMEMBER **P.A.S.S.**

PULL

AIM

SQUEEZE

SWEEP



DIAL 911 – EVEN IF THE FIRE IS COMPLETELY OUT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAFE AND ASSIST WITH SMOKE REMOVAL.

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