

HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

If a fire started in your home, you've got no time to waste reading the directions on your fire extinguisher. Be ready to use one.

PASS – Remember the Pass (P-A-S-S) technique.

- **P**ull the pin from the handle
- **A**im the nozzle at the base of the fire, not the top of the flames
- **S**queeze the handle
- **S**weep the stream from side to side until the fire is out

Never turn your back on the fire in case it flares up again and make sure to always position yourself so you have an escape route.

Fire extinguishers for the home are only intended for immediate use on small fires or for creating a short escape route. You've only got a few seconds of extinguishing power - and fire spreads quickly.

Keep extinguishers near

- exits
- have at least one on every floor of the house
- in the garage
- in the kitchen

Types of Fire Extinguishers

- **Class A** put out fires in materials like cloth, paper, wood, rubber and many plastics.
- **Class B** are used on flammable liquids such as grease, gasoline, oil and oil-based paints.
- **Class C** are for electrically powered equipment like appliances and tools.
- **Multi-Purpose class A-B-C** fire extinguishers will help protect your house, garage and workshop for the majority of home fires.

Generally, replace them every 6 years. Look for the type with a gauge that makes it easy to tell if it's time to replace your extinguishers.

The proper planning can make all the difference to you and your family in an emergency.

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NOTE: Always follow manufacturer's recommended safety precautions and instructions for the products you use.