FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

Make sure the extinguisher is ready to use.

The “ABC” extinguishers have a gauge that you can check to make sure the extinguisher is full. Check the gauge to be sure the indicator is in the GREEN section. If the needle is in the RED section, the extinguisher is not going to perform as expected. Extinguisher should be inspected and / or replaced annually.

PASS when using a fire extinguisher.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:

⇒ Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
⇒ Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
⇒ Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
⇒ Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

Remember…

⇒ For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
⇒ Never try to extinguish a fire that is larger than a small trash can.
⇒ If you aren’t sure if you can put out a fire, evacuate!
⇒ Have a clear path to the exit if in case you can’t put out the fire.
⇒ Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

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