

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**:

- ⇒ **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- ⇒ **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- ⇒ **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- ⇒ **S**weep 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

