



The Office of Fire Safety and Injury Prevention Education

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Fire Extinguishers

One element of a Fire Escape Plan

All fire extinguishers contain agent under pressure. They all operate in a similar fashion. You should become familiar with the extinguishers in your home or workplace prior to attempting to use one. Locate and examine the instructions printed on each extinguisher.

Classifications of fires



Ordinary Combustibles

Wood Cloth, and Paper



Flammable Liquids

Oil and Gasoline



Electrical Equipment

Energized Equipment



Combustible Metals

Magnesium and Sodium



Cooking Media

Oils and Grease

Follow the four step PASS procedure

P

PULL the pin. This will unlock the operating handle and allow you to discharge the extinguisher.

A

AIM the base of the fire.

S

Squeeze the operating handle. This will discharge the fire fighting agent.

S

SWEEP from side to side. Move carefully in on the fire, aiming at the base, sweep back and forth.

KNOW WHEN TO GO!

Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire escape plan, but the primary element is a safe escape.

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