

Fire Extinguishers: Fight or Get Out (P.A.S.S.)

Why it matters. A portable fire extinguisher can stop a small fire in its first minute. But a fire grows fast. Know when to use an extinguisher and when to leave.

KEY POINTS

- First, sound the fire alarm and call the fire department.
- Fight the fire only if it is small and just started.
- Before you start, make sure your exit is behind you and is clear of fire, heat and smoke.
- Use the correct extinguisher for the fire. Read the label on the extinguisher.
- If you are not sure, do not fight the fire. Get out immediately.

STEP BY STEP

1. PULL the pin. This breaks the tamper seal.
2. AIM low. Point the nozzle at the base of the fire. Do not touch the horn of a CO2 extinguisher, because it gets very cold.
3. SQUEEZE the handle to release the agent.
4. SWEEP from side to side at the base of the fire until the fire is out.
5. Move back and watch the area. If the fire starts again, do the steps again.

NEVER

- ✗ Never let the fire get between you and the exit.
- ✗ Never continue if the extinguisher is empty and the fire still burns.
- ✗ Never go back into a building that is on fire.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Where are the two nearest extinguishers to your work station?
2. What type of fire could start in our area?
3. Who calls the fire department, and what is the meeting point?



Watch this talk as a short video — and get it in your crew's languages.

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Based on OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.157; OSHA eTool: Evacuation Plans and Procedures, Portable Fire Extinguishers. This talk is a summary. Your site's written procedure and your supervisor's instructions come first.



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