

Do You Know "How & When to Use a Fire Extinguisher?"

10 Important Rules to Remember



1. Most fires start small. Except for explosions, fires can usually be brought under control if they are attacked correctly with the right type and size of extinguisher within the first two minutes!



2. A fire extinguisher should be "listed and labelled" by an independent testing laboratory. The higher the rating number on an A or B

extinguisher, the more fire it can put out. Be careful, high-rated units are often heavier models. Make sure you can hold and operate the model you are buying.



3. A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire service arrives. Before

attempting to fight a small fire be sure everyone is out of the building. It is important to have someone call the fire brigade. If the fire starts to spread or threatens your escape path, get out immediately!



4. The operator must know how to use the extinguisher, quickly without taking time to read directions during an emergency. Remember that the extinguishers need care and must be recharged

after every use.

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PULL... AIM... SQUEEZE... SWEEP...**



5. PULL... Pull the pin. Some extinguishers require releasing a lock latch, pressing a puncture lever or other motion.



6. AIM... Aim low, pointing the extinguisher nozzle (or its horn or hose) at the base of the fire.



7. SQUEEZE...
Squeeze the handle.
This releases the
extinguishing agent.



8. SWEEP...
Sweep from
side to side at
the base of the
fire until it
appears to be
out. Watch the
fire area in

case fire breaks out again, and repeat use
of extinguisher if necessary.

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9. Most portable
extinguishers work
according to these
directions. But some
do not. Read and
follow the directions
on your extinguisher.

If you have the
slightest doubt about whether or not to
fight a fire - DON'T! Get out and close
the door behind you.



10. Ask H. Roberts &
Son Ltd about training and
practice in the use of
portable fire extinguishers.

Learn how and when to use a fire extinguisher before an emergency and...
Always keep your fire extinguisher fully charged!

WHEN NOT TO FIGHT A FIRE...

- If the fire could block your only exit!
- If the fire is spreading too quickly!
- If the type or size of the extinguisher is wrong!
- If the fire is too large!
- If you don't know how to use your fire extinguisher!

If any of the above conditions exist, leave immediately!!!