

FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAFETY



Follow this guidance to prepare to use a fire extinguisher safely.

TYPES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The types of fire extinguishers are based on the **fuel source** of the fire. For further guidance on **replacing a fire extinguisher**, call 206.685.0341.



Type A: Ordinary combustibles (e.g., trash, wood, paper, cloth, plastic, etc.)

Type B: Flammable liquids and gases

Type C: Energized Electrical equipment

Type D: Combustible metals

Type K: Oils and fats

Remember to PASS:
Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep

PULL the pin.
AIM the nozzle at the fire's base.
SQUEEZE the operating lever.
SWEEP the nozzle side to side.

USE IT SAFELY

Preplan by locating fire extinguishers and reviewing their applications. Find out:

- What type(s) of fire extinguishers are available?
- Which types of fuel sources are nearby?

When a fire occurs, call 9-1-1 or pull a fire alarm to alert the fire department upon identifying a fire.

Always **keep a clear exit path**.

- Always be evaluating changing fire conditions.
- Fire conditions can change rapidly.

Ensure fire is **small** and **localized**.

- A portable fire extinguisher is designed for small, localized fires in their early stages.
- Do **not** fight a fire that is growing or spreading rapidly.

Stay upwind from the fire.

If windy conditions are present, position yourself upwind from the fire to reduce smoke inhalation and increase fire extinguisher efficiency.

Maintain a **safe distance**.

The safe distance is indicated on the fire extinguisher label.

HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER



Take the [Fire Extinguisher Online Training Course](#) to learn more about using a fire extinguisher.
Contact EH&S at 206.685.0341 with questions.