

FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAFETY TIPS

Fire extinguishers work by removing one of the components of a fire (oxygen, reacting substances, heat or the fuel source) to stop it from growing.

1. Ensure you chose the right type of extinguisher. A type ABC extinguisher is recommended because it covers most of the hazards encountered in the home.
2. An ABC extinguisher (listed on bottom of label on extinguishers) covers wood, paper, flammables/gasoline and electrical. The extinguisher should be UL (Underwriters Laboratory) listed.
3. Ensure extinguishers (between 5-9 lbs) are placed in kitchens, garages, basement workshops and heating/cooling unit areas.
 - a. Check the gauge/charge on the extinguisher monthly to ensure it is in the green region.
4. If needed, keep out of reach of young children but accessible in the event of a fire.
5. In the event of a small fire (waste paper basket sized):
 - a. Ensure you have an escape route;
 - b. Place unit on floor or solid surface;
 - c. Pull coiled pin to engage;
 - d. Aim at base of fire-starting at about 10 feet away;
 - e. Squeeze the black trigger with a sweeping motion;
 - f. **BACK AWAY!** Never turn your back on the fire!

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