

# HOME FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



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Shenandoah County Department of Fire and Rescue

is dedicated to making sure every citizen in or

passing through our county stays as safe as possible.

SCFR have gathered the most important information

about using fire extinguishers in your home. We hope you read and talk

about all the topics covered in this booklet with your family. If you have

questions feel free to contact our office and we will help you any way we can.

Sincerely,

Gary Yew

Fire and Rescue Chief and

SCFR Staff

Having a fire extinguisher in your home is a great safety tool. Used properly, home fire extinguishers can save lives and your property. Home fire extinguishers can put out small fires or even contain a small fire until the fire department arrives.



Home fire extinguishers, also known as portable fire extinguishers, are not intended for use on large fires or spreading fires.

## WHERE SHOULD I HAVE A PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER?

There are a number of good places to have a home fire extinguisher.

### THE KITCHEN



### THE FURNACE ROOM



### THE GARAGE



### THE BEDROOM

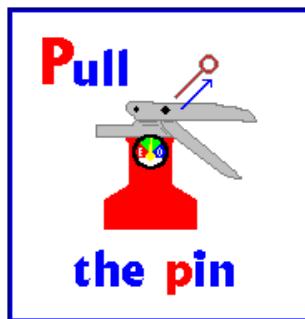


## HOW DO I USE A PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER?

This is a good question because there is no time to read directions when you have a fire. Be sure the fire extinguisher is within reach and in good working order.

### Remember the PASS Technique –

#### PULL THE PIN



#### AIM LOW



#### SQUEEZE THE HANDLE



#### SWEEP FROM SIDE TO SIDE



ALWAYS READ THE MANUFACTOR'S SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED ON THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

## WHAT KIND OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER SHOULD I GET?

There are 3 classes of fires.

Class A: Ordinary combustibles such as clothing, paper, wood

Class B: Flammable liquids like gasoline, oil, paint

Class C: Electrical fires like circuit breakers and appliances

The fire extinguisher you choose must be right for the type of fire. If you use the wrong type of extinguisher, you can make the fire worse or even hurt yourself. There are extinguishers made for all types of fires. These are called ABC extinguishers.



LOOK FOR THE **ABC** LABEL ON THE EXTINGUISHER.

## SHOULD I STAY AND FIGHT THE FIRE?

It is dangerous to fight fire yourself under any circumstance. If you choose to fight a small fire with a home fire extinguisher...

1. Make sure everyone has left the building.
2. Make sure the fire department has been notified.
3. Make sure the fire is not spreading and is confined to a small area.
4. Be sure at all times you have a way out.
5. Know how to use your fire extinguisher.

**WHEN IN DOUBT  
GET OUT**