

Breaking News

Fire Extinguisher Tips for the Homeowner

Household fire extinguishers can save lives, protect property, and buy the precious seconds needed to get yourself or your loved ones to safety.

Having the correct type of extinguisher is even more important than being able to use it effectively. When choosing a fire extinguisher, ask yourself what combustible material (fuel) will you most likely need to put out.

Fire extinguishers are classified by the type of fuel they are intended to extinguish. Each extinguisher/fuel type is represented by a letter/symbol. An extinguisher can be rated for one or more types of fuel.



or



Stand for Ordinary Combustibles:

Things that leave an **Ash**. Wood, Paper, Trash, etc.



or



Stand for Flammable Liquids:

Things commonly stored in **Barrels**. Gasoline, Diesel, Oil, Lubricants, etc.



or



Stand for Energized or **Charged** electrical equipment:

Things that are plugged in. Appliances, Computers, TVs, etc.



or



Stand for Cooking Oils and Fats:

Commonly used in **Kitchens**.

ABC Extinguishers are the most popular because they will extinguish such a wide variety of flammable material.

Type K extinguishers are specific to cooking oils and grease fires.

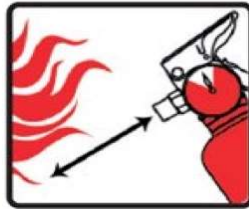
To properly use an extinguisher, remember the acronym **PASS**.

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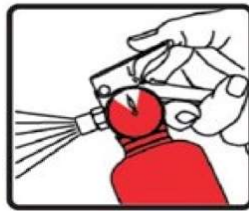
Pull the pin

A



Aim nozzle
at base of fire

S



Squeeze
the handle

S



Sweep nozzle
back & forth

If you still have questions about fire extinguishers, please contact Okanogan County Fire District 6 at 997-2981 and we will return your call.