

# 10 WAYS TO STAY SAFE WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



## 1 **KNOW THE THREE CLASSES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

A – Ordinary materials like cloth, wood, and paper.  
B – Combustible and flammable liquids like grease and gasoline  
C – Electrical equipment like appliances, tools, or other equipment.

## 2 **THE “FIRE TRIANGLE”**

The “fire triangle” is oxygen, heat, and fuel. Remove any one to extinguish a fire.

## 3 **CONSIDER THE SIZE**

Select the largest fire extinguisher that you can safely and comfortably operate.

## 4 **CHOOSE ONE THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED**

Look for the “UL Listed” label on a fire extinguisher.

## 5 **READ THE GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Know how to maintain and properly operate your specific extinguisher.

## 6 **KEEP UP WITH MAINTENANCE**

- Regularly check the pressure level.
- Make sure the can, hoses, and nozzles are not damaged, dented, or rusted.
- Remove any dust, oil, or grease that might be on the outside of the fire extinguisher.

## 7 **STORE IT SAFELY**

Place your fire extinguisher so they are never more than 75 feet away.

## 8 **PLACEMENT**

Extinguishers need to be located along normal paths of travel.

## 9 **LEARN THE ACRONYM “PASS”**

P - PULL THE PIN at the top of the extinguisher.  
A - AIM at the base of the fire and not at the flames. You must extinguish the fuel to the fire.  
S - SQUEEZE the lever.  
S - SWEEP from side to side. Move the fire extinguisher back and forth until the fire is completely out.

## 10 **CONTACT YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

They can provide fire extinguisher training and answer any questions.



# ***FIRE EXTINGUISHER FACTS***

Fires Are Deadly. Over 3,500 people die each year from fires, with those 85 and older being at the highest risk.

Early extinguishing is key. **93% of deaths** and **95% of property damage** occur after a fire grows beyond its early stage.

Fire extinguishers work **94% of the time** and put out fires within two minutes.

Approximately **371,000 residential fires** are put out each year by extinguishers.

Extinguishers are a **low-cost investment**. UL-rated extinguishers cost **less than \$50**.

