

Fire Prevention Week:

How to use a Fire Extinguisher

P: Pull the pin

The pin is located near the handle at the top of the fire extinguisher, which should be pulled to begin using. In other cases, instead of a pin, a lock latch is used that will have to be released.



A: Aim the nozzle

Aim the nozzle/hose (with dominant hand) of the fire extinguisher at the base (bottom) of the fire. Be careful not to aim at the top of the fire, as this will not put out the fire.



S: Squeeze the handle

Squeeze the handle (with non-dominant hand) of the fire extinguisher. (The fire extinguisher will begin working).



S: Sweep from side to side

Use a sweeping motion with the nozzle/hose from side to side to cover the base of the fire.

**Continue this process until the fire is completely out. Watch the area in case a fire breaks out again.*



When to quit fighting a fire and to evacuate immediately:

- **The fire is spreading too quickly**
- **The fire could block your only exit**
- **The fire is too large**
- **The fire is so hot you can't get close enough to fight it effectively (10-15 feet)**